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Preliminary and First Annual Meeting.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR

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In the United States,

— HELD IN —

ST. PAULS REFORMED CHURCH,

KANSAS CITY, MO.,

From September 29th to October 3d, 1887.

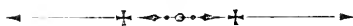
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SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

FIRST ANNUAL SESSIONS.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 29th to Oct. 3d, 1887.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Pursuant to the authority of General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the ministers and delegated elders of Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita Classes assembled in General Convention, in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kansas City, Mo., on Thursday, September 29th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Divine services were conducted by Rev. A. Casselman. By appointment of General Synod, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. S. Fouse, from II Peter 1:4: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

After the sermon, Rev. D. S. Fouse, by the appointment of General Synod, took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. T. F. Stauffer was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. The following ministers and delegates from the several classes were present and took their seats as members of Synod, viz.:

FROM NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Revs. Henry Bair, Samuel Mease, D. D., and Elder Peter S. Meyer.

FROM IOWA CLASSIS.

Revs. Frederick C. Bauman, Dewault S. Fouse, G. D. Gurley, W. E. Shaley and R. R. Lackey.

FROM KANSAS CLASSIS.

Revs. T. F. Stauffer, H. Shumaker, R. L. Gerhart, G. W. Remegan, F. H. Keller and Elder J. W. Kieffer.

FROM WICHITA CLASSIS.

Revs. D. B. Shuey,* S. A. Alt,* J. W. Love, A. Casselman,* A. S. Weber,* and Elders M. F. Moyer* and J. H. Brown.*

*Took their seats Friday morning's session.

ORGANIZATION.

Synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization. The following were elected:

Rev. D. S. Fouse, President.

The hour being late, the election was laid over until Friday morning's session.

Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., of Gettysburg Classis of the synod of the Potomac, and Rev. J. F. Delong, of W. Susquehanna Classis Synod of United States, being present, were invited to seats as advisory members.

Rev. M. T. Troxel, pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., being present, was invited to a seat.

Synod adjourned with Doxology and Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Thirty minutes were devoted to divine service. Completion of organization.

Rev. T. F. Stauffer, stated clerk (term 3 yrs).

Rev. S. Mease, D. D., corresponding secretary.

Elder J. H. Brown, treasurer.

The salary of the stated clerk was fixed at \$35 per annum.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees viz:

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.—Revs. R. L. Gerhart, D. B. Shuey and Elder J. H. Brown.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.—Revs. J. W. Love, W. Shaley, F. H. Keller and Elder P. S. Meyers.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD AND MINUTES OF OHIO SYNOD.—Revs. Dr. Mease, T. F. Stauffer, R. R. Lackey and Elder J. H. Brown.

STATE OF RELIGION.—Revs. G. D. Gurley, H. Bair, A. Casselman, and Elder M. F. Moyer.

FINANCE.—Revs. H. Bair, F. C. Bauman, W. Shaley and Elder J. H. Brown.

MISSIONS.—Revs. D. B. Shuey, H. Bair, G. D. Gurley, T. F. Stauffer and Elder J. W. Keiffer.

OVERTURES.—Revs. R. R. Lackey, G. W. Remegan, F. H. Keller and Elder J. H. Brown.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Revs. A. Casselman, S. A. Alt, H. Bair, H. Shumaker and Elder P. S. Meyers.

Rev. Dr. Mease was appointed reporter to the daily papers.

ARTICLE III.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order of the General Synod were adopted as the Rules of Order of this Synod, as far as they are applicable.

The Bar of the House was defined by the President.

The Session Hours were fixed as follows:

Meet at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. and adjourn at 11:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Minutes of the General Synod, of Ohio Synod and of the following Classes:

Northern Ill., Iowa, Kansas and Wichita were received and referred to the proper committees. A report from Trustees of Wichita University was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE V.

CHARTER AND SEAL.

Rev. D. B. Shuey, R. L. Gerhart and Elder J. H. Brown were appointed a Special Committee to prepare a Charter and a design of a Seal for the Synod and report at these sessions, subsequently the committee reported as follows:

The committee on Charter and Seal of Synod would make a partial report by offering the following as the Charter of this Synod, which, if adopted by the Synod, will be signed by the Trustees and secured from the Department of the State of Kansas. Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,

R. L. GERHART,

J. H. BROWN.

The report of the committee was adopted and the following is a verbatim copy of the Charter as secured from the State of Kansas. The same to be recorded in the Minutes of Synod when secured.

STATE OF KANSAS,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATE OF KANSAS,

Office of the Secretary of State.

I, E. B. Allen, Secretary of State, of the State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the following and annexed is a true and correct copy of the original instrument of writing filed in my office October 12th, 1887.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal. Done at Topeka, Kansas, this 13th day of October, 1887.

E. B. ALLEN, Secretary of State.

CHARTER OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

We the undersigned Trustees; elected for the purpose, hereby associate ourselves together into a body politic, under the Laws of the State of Kansas, for the incorporation of Religious Associations by setting forth the following, to-wit:

First. This corporation shall be known by the title of "The Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Second. The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to transact any and all business relating to the several Classes, Pastoral Charges, Missions and Literary Institutions under the care of this Synod, according to the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Third. The place where its business shall be transacted shall be in Wichita, Kansas, or any other place designated by the Synod.

Fourth. The term for which this corporation is to exist is ninety-nine years.

Fifth. The number of its Trustees and names and residence of them who are elected for the first year are Rev. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas; Rev. A. S. Weber, Wichita, Kansas; Elder J. H. Brown, Wichita,

Kansas; Rev. F. H. Keller, Wathena, Kansas; Rev. H. Bair, Foreston, Illinois.

Sixth. The estimated value of the Goods, Chattles, Lands, Rights and Credits owned by the corporation are one hundred dollars.

D. B. Shuey, A. S. Weber, J. H. Brown, H. Bair, F. H. Keller.

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
County of Jackson.) ss.

Be it remembered, that on this Third day of October, A. D. 1887, before me, a Notary Public for said county and state, came D. B. Shuey, A. S. Weber, J. H. Brown and H. Bair to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year last above written.

My Commission expires July 30th, 1890. E. E. POTTERFIELD,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]
STATE OF KANSAS,)
County of Doniphan.) ss.

Be it remembered, that on this 5th day of October, A. D. 1887, before me, a Notary Public for said County and State, came F. H. Keller, to me personally known to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year last above written.

[SEAL.] JOHN C. GORDON, Notary Public.
My Commission expires January 31st, 1888.

ARTICLE VI.

NAME OF SYNOD.

A special committee consisting of one member from each classis, together with President of Synod, were appointed to select a name for Synod, viz: Revs. J. W. Love, G. D. Gurley, Dr. Mease, Elder J. W. Keiffer and D. S. Fouse to report as early in the session as possible. The committee subsequently reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to propose a name for the new Synod beg leave to report that we were unable to agree upon a name and therefore recommend that the Synod itself vote by calling the roll upon the following:

1. The Synod of the Missouri.
2. Kansas City Synod.
3. Mississippi Synod.
4. Missouri Valley Synod, and the name getting the majority of the votes be the one adopted.

J. W. LOVE,
G. D. GURLEY,
S. MEASE, D. D.,
D. S. FOUSE.

Report adopted. Roll called and the name Mississippi selected. Mississippi Synod, not giving full satisfaction, the action was reconsidered and the name Kansas Synod and Synod of the Interior added to the number. The latter having a majority of the votes cast, was by motion made unanimous, viz: The Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Tipton, Iowa, was chosen as the place, and Thursday October 25th, 1888, at 7:30 p. m. as the time of the next Annual Meeting of Synod in General Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

The sessions of the Synod were opened and closed with religious service.

Your committee on Religious Service begs leave to make the following report.

FRIDAY EVENING—Service, subject, Woman's Work in the Church.

Addresses by Dr. Moses Kiefer to be followed by voluntary addresses of five minutes each. Altar service by Revs. D. S. Fouse and H. Shumaker.

SATURDAY.—Preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. G. D. Gurley. Altar services by Dr Samuel Mease and Rev. W. E. Shaley.

SATURDAY EVENING.—Subject, Home and Foreign Missions. Addresses by Rev. T. F. Stauffer and Rev. J. F. Delong, followed by voluntary addresses. Altar services by Revs. H. Bair and F. H. Keller.

SUNDAY—Sunday Schools. Addresses by Revs. G. W. Remegan and R. R. Lackey.

COMMUNION SERVICE.—Sermon by A. S. Weber. Altar service by Revs. D. B. Shuey and R. L. Gerhart.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.—Dedication. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Love. Address by Rev. D. B. Shuey. Altar service, Rev. R. L. Gerhart and Rev. A. Casselman.

SUNDAY EVENING—Subject: The Sunday School. Addresses by Revs. J. F. Delong and Dr. Samuel Mease, followed by voluntary addresses. Altar service by Revs. D. S. Fouse and S. A. Alt.

SUNDAY MORNING—First Lutheran Church. Sermon by Rev. D. S. Fouse. Evening sermon by Rev. A. S. Weber.

SUNDAY A. M.—Memorial Lutheran Church. Sermon by Rev. G. W. Remegan. Evening sermon by Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Respectfully submitted, R. L. Gerhart, D. B. Shuey, and J. H. Brown.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The committee on Overtures would respectfully submit the following:

But one item has claimed our attention, namely: A communication from the Trustees of the Wichita University, making a request to take the University under the care of this Synod and make provision for the election of Trustees.
Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. LACKEY,
G. W. REMEGAN,
F. H. KELLER,
J. H. BROWN,
Elder M. F. MOYER, viz:

To the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church to be organized September 29th, 1887, at Kansas City, Mo.:

WHEREAS: The Charter and by-laws of the Wichita University were prepared and adopted with the manifest intention of placing said institution under the care of the Synod of the Reformed Church, in whose bounds it is located, viz: The new Synod to be organized in Kansas City, Mo., September 29th, 1887.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the said Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States, this 2d day of September, 1887, that said Synod be requested to take this institution under its care, to foster, encourage and support it in every way possible, so that it may become and continue to be a worthy institution of the great church whose name it bears.

According to the terms of the by-laws of said institution the terms of office of

the following Trustees will expire November 1st, 1887: W. H. Rauch, James Fulmer and Henry Schweiter, and the Synod is asked to fill these vacancies.

We therefore make the following nominations: W. H. Rauch, Esq., Jas. Fulmer, Samuel Wolf and W. H. H. Troupe of the Reformed Church, and Henry Schweiter and C. C. Fees of the citizens of Wichita, from whom the Synod will elect two members from the Reformed Church and one from the citizens of Wichita.

C. S. EICHHOLTZ, Secretary of Board of Trustees.

This committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

The committee to whom was referred the overture from Board of Wichita University, requesting the Synod to take the Institution under its fostering care, recommend the following:

Synod rejoices to learn officially of a Reformed Educational Institution of such high grade and substantial financial basis within its bounds.

That we hereby take Wichita University under the care of Synod and promise it our hearty support, so far as possible, but not so as to militate against the College of Northern Illinois.

That our Ministers and Elders be requested to look up promising young men and ladies and urge them to avail themselves of the advantages offered in this institution of the Synod.

That we appeal to the liberality of the wealthy in our Church to endow professorships in the various departments of this institution and as soon as possible. We especially desire to see the Chancellorship endowed, to which Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer has been elected by the Trustees, and the incumbent of this chair be teacher of Theology and Philosophy.

G. D. GURLEY, (Com.
A. CASSELMAN,)
M. F. MOYER,)

Report adopted.

ARTICLE X.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Minutes of General Synod. Report of committee on Minutes of General Synod.

The Minutes of the General Synod calls the attention of this body and action thereon in the items following:

ITEM 1, Page 9.—Amendments to the Rules of Order as recorded on page 8.

ITEM 2 Page 21.—To increase contributions to Foreign Missions. Also on page 83.

ITEM 3, Page 69.—A recommendation of the cause of Home Missions to the several District Synods.

ITEM 4, Page 70.—Request that District Synods carry on their Home Mission work under General Synod's Board.

ITEM 5, Page 95.—Requesting action to enable the General Sunday School Board to issue Instructors, Lesson Helps, &c.

ITEM 6, Page 155.—Respecting the organization of this body—a new District Synod.

ITEM 7, Page 163.—Adjustment of apportionment by the General Synod, through the Ohio Synod, upon the classes now under jurisdiction of this Synod.

ITEM 8, Page 167.—Requesting cooperation of District Synods, &c., in diminishing and exterminating the evil of intemperance.

ITEM 9, Page 169.—Meeting of General Synod in 1890.

B.—MINUTES OF OHIO SYNOD.

ITEM 1, Page 7.—The division of Kansas classis.

ITEM 2, Page 77.—The assessment upon the several classes now constituting this Synod.

This report was considered by items as follows:

ITEM 1, 6, 9.—Were severally adopted.

ITEM 2, 3, 4.—Referred to committee on missions.

ITEM 5.—Referred to the Sunday School Board, to be elected.

ITEM 7.—Referred to Special Committee on adjustment between this Synod and the Ohio Synod, consisting of Revs. Weber, Shumaker and Elder J. H. Brown

ITEM 8.—This item and the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Love, Gurley and Elder M. F. Moyer.

This committee subsequently reported and the following action taken by Synod

RESOLVED: That this Synod assumes Seventy-three (\$73) dollars of the amount apportioned by the General Synod to the Ohio Synod, which we believe to be a just proportion as per membership of this Synod, which was then included in the number of Ohio Synod's membership.

RESOLVED: That the Stated Clerk furnish the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod with a copy of the above resolution within ten days after the adjournment of Synod.

RESOLVED: That the above amount of Seventy-three (\$73) dollars be referred to the Committee of Finances for apportionment.

MINUTES OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

ITEM 1.—Adopted as attended to.

ITEM 2.—Referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Dr Mease, Shney and Elder P. S. Meyers who reported as follows:

WHEREAS: The Synod of the Interior, now organized by permission of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, granted upon request of the several Classes in its territory and Synod of Ohio, to which they were subject; and appreciating the responsibility assumed for the future well-being and prosperity of the Church, it places upon record the minute following:

In its separate organization—last born of the family of District Synods—there is no change and much less a diminution of that relationship of Christian sympathy, fellowship and love which hitherto existed; it would avow its allegiance and purposed adherence in time to come to the tried doctrine and earnest piety of the Reformed faith; the doctrine and faith predominant in Protestant history and moving evermore abreast in the progress of Christianity.

Its earnest purpose is and shall be the glory of God in advancing his kingdom in the conversion of men and extending his reign of "Peace and good will," on earth; recognizing its feebleness in number, capacity and means for the great work before it in the immense, rapidly filling and important territory assigned to it, it pleads most earnestly to the Church in every part for her faith, prayer, sympathy and help. Our whole country—yea the whole world—for Jesus is the glorious aim in view.

S. MEASE,
D. B. SHNEY,
P. S. MEYERS.

ARTICLE XI.

INTEMPERANCE.

Your committee on the subject of Intemperance respectfully report.

WHEREAS: The saloon—the liquor traffic is the chief source of intemperance, a child of the devil and the enemy of all righteousness, the direct foe of the Church and a menace to our civil institutions, therefore

RESOLVED: That we as a Synod, declare in favor of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and call upon our members to use all their influence for the abolition of the evil.

J. W. LOVE,
G. D. GURLEY,
M. F. MOYER.

ARTICLE XII.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was considered item by item and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to offer the following as their report:

The Synod as now constituted numbers four classes: Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita, organized in accordance with action and authority of the General Synod at the request of said Classes.

We have carefully examined the minutes placed in our hands and call attention to the following items requiring your action:

I.

IRREGULARITIES.

ITEM 1.—Northern Illinois Classis fails to note that its sessions were opened with Divine Services (except the first), and that its meeting was closed without any Religious service.

ITEM 2.—The same Classis does not give the call for a Special Meeting, but simply state that certain items in a call were acted upon.

ITEM 3.—Wichita Classis does not furnish a full statistical table.

II.

REQUESTS OF CLASSES TO SYNODS.

ITEM 4.—All the Classes joined in the request to general Synod to be organized into a District Synod which was granted.

III.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES BY SYNOD.

ITEM 5.—All matters referred by the Synods to the classes were favorably acted upon.

IV.

LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

ITEM 6.—Northern Illinois Classes received Rev. Henry Bair from Iowa Classis, and Rev. R. F. Oplinger from St. Joseph Classis, dismissed Rev. G. Dickey Gurley to Iowa Classis.

ITEM 7.—Iowa Classis received Rev. D. K. Fulcason and Rev. G. D. Gurley from Northern Illinois Classis; also Licentiate W. E. Shaley from Tiffin Classis and ordained him to the Holy ministry, dismissed Rev. H. Bair to Northern Illinois Classis.

ITEM 8.—Kansas Classis received Rev. J. W. Love from Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. R. Lewis from Carlisle Classis, Rev. A. G. Lohman from Nebraska Classis and Rev. F. H. Keller from Tiffin Classis; dismissed Rev. J. W. Rauch to Virginia Classis and Rev. J. R. Lewis to Iowa Classis.

ITEM 9.—Wichita Classis received Rev. A. S. Weber from Maryland Classis and Rev. A. Casselman from Miami Classis.

V.

PLACE AND TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

ITEM 10.—Northern Illinois Classis meets May 23d, 1888, in Altamont at 7:30 p. m. Rev. H. Bair, President; Rev. J. Wolbach, Stated Clerk.

ITEM 11.—Iowa Classis will meet at Boulder, on Wednesday preceding the last Sunday in September, 1888, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. R. Lackey, President; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk.

ITEM 12.—Kansas Classis will meet at Wathena, Kansas, May 24th, 1888, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, President; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, Stated Clerk.

ITEM 13.—Wichita Classis will meet at Lyons, Kansas, April 20th, 1888, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Love, President; Rev. D. B. Shney, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. LOVE,
W. E. SHALEY,
F. H. KELLER,
P. S. MEYERS

ARTICLE XIII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGION AND MORALS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 29, 1887.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on State of Religion respectfully offer the following:

We have examined the different Classical Reports on Religion and given the subject such consideration as the brief time at our disposal admitted. The Classical Reports speak in favorable and hopeful tone of the religious prosperity of our Church. They testify to regular, faithful labor on the part of the ministry, the worthy general piety and christian activity of our membership.

Grateful mention is made of the increasing efficiency of Woman's work in upbuilding the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The Sunday School work is also receiving the marked attention the cause justly merits and demands.

With regard to catechization, the tenor of the statements is not so favorable. Difficulty is experienced in carrying out the time-honored and Scriptural method of introducing members into the Church. There is danger of our families and pastors suffering it to sink into neglect.

The subject of missions receives properly the largest amount of attention. Enthusiastic devotion to the work is the most striking feature of these reports. At the same time a sad destitution of laborers prevails, and the means to carry on the work effectively are also lacking.

It is proper in this report to refer to the territorial location, the secular environment of the new Synod. Our latitude is one with the great nations of history. We are directly on the line civilization follows in its march around the world. We are in the heart of the great civilization now rising on the American continent.

The great Mississippi valley, in the choicest part of which our churches are situated, is a garden of God in fertility, capable of supporting a population greater than that of the world empires in olden times. The seat of empire will be around and among us. Hence, Synod has fallen heir to a great inheritance. In the providence of God, the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. The problem challenging our consideration and solution is whether we have the ability, and if able, whether we will exert ourselves to take possession.

Now we have our day of small things, but stately denominations around, too, had their feeble beginnings. The larger Synods of our own church were once fewer in number than we are now. By action we will grow. As to the tenor of life around us, all are familiar with its intense activity and struggle. Financial speculation is rife; population is increasing at certain points rapidly; fortunes are oft acquired as if by magic. Mammon is a God of many votaries; vast numbers are more intent on acquisition of material wealth, than laying up treasures in heaven. Christianity has an urgent and mighty task to counteract the worship of mammon. This vast domain and population must be kept and secured for our Lord Jesus Christ. The kingdom of the world, the gold and the silver, are His. This Synod is now called to assist in claiming and conquering the great Mississippi valley for King Immanuel. In the name of God, we set up our banners. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will trust in the name of Jehovah our God. Unto him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood and hath made us a kingdom and priests unto our God, be glory unto the ages of ages.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. D. GURLEY,
H. BAIR,
A. CASSELMAN,
ELDER M. F. MOYER.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Committee on Missions:

DEAR BROTHEREN:—We are profoundly grateful to the Great Head of the church for the blessings we have received in the missionary operations of our church, both at large, and especially within the territory comprising this Synod, which might be called a missionary Synod, as suggestive of the missions now in the bounds of this Synod and of the vast field ripe to the harvest but not yet occupied by the reapers.

1. On the items referred to us from the minutes of General Synod, we would earnestly commend the sacred cause of missions to the classes and congregations of this Synod, urging an increased activity and liberality in the cause.

2. We believe that the missionary operations of the whole church should be under the Board of General Synod, and we pledge our hearty co-operation to bring about this desire of the General Synod as soon as practicable.

3. We recommend that missionary societies be organized, as soon as possible, in this Synod, the classes and congregations in the bounds of this Synod, in order to carry forward the work of missions more efficiently.

4. At present there are twelve missions in the bounds of this Synod under the control and support of the Tri-Synodic Board, viz.: Abilene, Boulder, Emporia, Inogene, Iola, Kansas City, Leighton, Lisbon, Liscomb, Topeka, Wichita and Wilton, with appropriations amounting to \$4,735. Also to missions under the Ohio Synod's Board, viz.: Damascus, Altamont, Dakota, Lyons, Wathena and Sabetha, with appropriations of \$1,650.

We therefore respectfully request these two Boards to continue at least the present amount of support, with additional funds if possible.

5. The Committee believe that Synod should elect a Synodical Superintendent of Missions, who shall give his entire time to this work in the bounds of this Synod, and as much as possible centralize the work in large cities.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the Tri-Synodic Board to continue the office of the Missionary Superintendent, and make his territory commensurate with the territory of this Synod.

6. We are pleased to report that commendable progress is made in the different missions in the bounds of this Synod; new churches are being built, new members are being added both by confirmation and certificate. Wichita Classes reports no death of members.

7. We believe that at least 50 cents per member should be contributed by this Synod for the support of missions within the bounds of Synod, and we therefore recommend, that the said amount be apportioned by the different Classes for this purpose, and that all monies for this purpose pass through the hands of the Treasurer of Synod from the Treasurers of Classes.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,
G. D. GURLEY,
H. BAIR,
D. S. FOUSE,
T. F. STAUFFER.

Report adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Finance would respectfully beg leave to report the following items as having come into their hands, to-wit:

1. The action of this Synod fixing the amount for contingent expenses at \$50, to be assessed upon the several charges.

2. Is an action of Synod to accept the apportionment of the General Synod upon the Ohio Synod to the amount of \$73, for contingent expenses, Bohemian Church Aid and Harbor Missions.

Your Committee has apportioned the following amounts to the several Classes of Synod:

THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

Northern Illinois Classis.....	\$17 90
Iowa Classis.....	15 36
Kansas Classis.....	11 05
Wichita Classis.....	5 69
Total.....	\$50 00

The amount assumed from Ohio² Synod.

Northern Illinois Classis.....	\$25 17
Iowa Classis.....	26 28
Kansas Classis	16 29
Wichita Classis.....	5 26
Total.....	\$73 00

Respectfully Submitted,

H. BAIR,
W. E. SHALEY,
F. C. BAUMAN,
J. H. BROWN.

ARTICLE XVI.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on nominations, as instructed by special resolution of Synod, reported a double set of candidates for the Boards referred to it.

The report was adopted and Synod entered upon the election as the order of the day, Saturday, 10 a. m. Revs. G. W. Remegan and R. R. Lackey were appointed tellers with the following result:

BOARD OF MISSIONS.—Revs. D. B. Shuey, D. S. Fouse and A. S. Weber.

TRUSTEES LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.—Revs. J. W. Love, Elder J. W. Kieffer and Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Rev. D. B. Shuey, Elder L. H. Diehl and Rev. G. D. Gurley.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.—Rev. S. Mease D. D., Rev. A. S. Weber and Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

BOARD OF ORPHAN HOMES.—Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Elder P. S. Meyers and Rev. F. H. Keller.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.—Rev. R. L. Gerhart, Rev. S. Mease, D. D. and Rev. A. S. Alt.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.—Elder J. H. Brown, Rev. D. B. Shuey, Rev. H. Bair, Rev. F. H. Keller and Rev. A. S. Weber.

RESOLVED, That in the election of members of the several Boards of this Synod, the term of office be as follows, to wit: the first named on each Board shall be for three years, the second for two years, and the third for one year; and that thereafter there shall be an election annually of one member on each Board for the term of three years. Also, that the same be the order for the Trustees of Synod, except that it shall be for five years, and one Trustee be elected at each meeting of Synod.

In the election of Trustees of Wichita University the Stated Clerk was directed to cast the ballot for the following named persons: W. H. Rarch, James Fulmer and Henry Schweiter; term, 5 years.

ARTICLE XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS.—EXCUSED.

Rev. R. R. Lackey was excused after Sunday evening services. Elder M. F. Moyer was excused after Saturday morning services. Rev. A. Casselman was excused after Friday evening's session.

MINUTES.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to publish 2500 copies of the Minutes, or as many more as he may deem best, adding several pages of advertisements to pay the publication of the Minutes.

The Wichita University was granted one page of the published Minutes for purposes of advertisement.

The Treasurer of the Synod was directed to pay \$5 to St. Paul's Reformed Church Kansas City, Mo., for expenses.

The Stated Clerk reported the amount of collection at Missionary meeting, and Synod directed the same to be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Rev. A. S. Weber.

The Statistical Blanks of the General Synod were adopted as the Blanks of this Synod and the Stated Clerk instructed to furnish said Blanks to Stated Clerks of Classes.

The Committee on Charter and Seal were authorized to draw on Treasurer of Synod for the amount of expenses incurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SPECIAL DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

In order to secure an accurate and matured record of the State of the Church in the bounds of the Synod, as well as to facilitate the business at the meeting of the Synod,

1. It is hereby made the duty of the retiring President to prepare and present the report on the State of Religion and statistics,

2. It is hereby made the duty of the Stated Clerk of each Classis, to put into the hands of the President the classical report on the State of Religion and statistics at least thirty days before the Synodical meeting.

3. The Stated Clerk of Synod with other two members appointed annually by the President shall constitute the Committee on Minutes of Classis; and that the Stated Clerks of the several Classis send a copy of the classical minutes at least thirty days before the meeting of Synod to the Stated Clerk, who with his co-members shall have their report ready at the opening of the Synodical Sessions.

Adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be authorized to publish in our minutes the reports of the Presidents of Home and Foreign Missions, if it does not add too much to the expense.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

RESOLVED, That the charges within the bounds of this Synod are hereby required to send the credentials of delegates *primarii* and *secundi* to the Stated Clerk of Synod 15 days before the date of the annual meetings of Synod, so that the roll of Synod may be made out.

BENEVOLENT OFFERINGS.

RESOLVED, That all benevolent offerings of our congregations pass through the hands of Classical Treasurers and also through the hands of Synod's Treasurer, either by actual payment of monies or receipts, so that a full showing of our benevolent work may be made by these treasurers in their annual reports.

ARTICLE XIX.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning's session and at the close of Synod.

Thirty minutes of each morning's session were spent in Special Religious service.

The roll was called at the beginning of each session and a quorum found present.

At the final roll call at the close of the sessions Revs. G. W. Remegan and F. H. Keller were absent without excuse.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Synod are due and hereby extended to the members of St. Paul's congregation and citizens of Kansas City for their kind hospitality in entertaining members of the Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod of the Interior adjourned finally on Monday October 3d, at 11:30 a. m. to meet in General Convention at Tipton, Iowa, on Thursday October 25th, 1888, at 7:30 p. m.

Synod closed with Divine services consisting of singing a hymn, joining in the confession of the Apostles' Creed, engaging in the Lord's Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the President.

D. S. FOUSE, President.

T. F. STAUFFER, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

T. F. STAUFFER, Stated Clerk.



CLASSIS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. Congregation		Members.		Mem. Uncond'd		Bapt'm		Confirmed.		By Cer. or Re-nuval of Prof.		Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunic'd		Deaths.		Sunday Schools		T. S. Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Benevol't Purposes.		Contributions		Min. of Synod. English.		Postoffice Address.
		Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants	Adults			
Frank Wetzel	Pres. College N. Ill	1	54	30	7	1	4	1	23													1	30									Forreston, Ill.		
Sup. by F. Wetzel	Danascus	2	105	85	5	5	10	1	71												3	135									Orangeville, Ill.			
Henry Barr	Forreston	1	138						130												3	125									Dakota, Ill.			
Harvey L. Hart	Orangeville	4	73	50	3	1	7	7	37	4											3	4	81								Dakota, Ill.			
Samuel L. Runkel	Dakota	1	92	85	3	3	10	1	73												3	1	70								Sumnum, Ill.			
In chg G. E. Metger	Astoria	1	30	39	2	2	3	1	120												2	1	30								Shelbyville, Ill.			
Sup. by J. Wollbach	Shelby	4	190	200	10	3	3	1	108												3	6	230								Anna, Ill.			
George E. Metger	Anna	4	120	70	1	1	8	1	108												3	6	175								Graye City, Ill.			
Robert F. Oplinger	ML Zion	12	62	42	2	2	4	3	46	1											3	1	60								Altamont, Ill.			
Joshua Wollbach	Altamont	12	62	42	2	2	4	3	46	1											3	1	60								Altamont, Ill.			
Joseph F. Butler	Without Charge	12	62	42	2	2	4	3	46	1											3	1	60								White Pigeon, Mich			
Daniel Lantz	Without Charge	12	62	42	2	2	4	3	46	1											3	1	60								Chicago, Ill.			
Samuel Meuse, D. D.	Without Charge	12	62	42	2	2	4	3	46	1											3	1	60								Lena, Ill.			
Joseph Sechler	Agl. Coll North Ill.	12	62	42	2	2	4	3	46	1											3	1	60								Redfield, D. T.			
Frederick W. Stump	Redfield Mis., D. T.	2	26	26	1	1	1	1	22												2										Lone Tree, Iowa.			
Daniel K. Fuleason	Without Charge	2	26	26	1	1	1	1	22												2										La Rose, Ill.			
John Kercher	Superannated	2	26	26	1	1	1	1	22												22	999	1	\$887 00	\$3578 00	41								

CLASSIS OF IOWA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. Congregation		Members		Men. Unconf'd	Bapt'ism		Confirmed.	By Cert. or Re- newal of Prof.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd	Deaths	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-Scholars	Students for Ministry	Contributions.		Min. of Synod. English.	Postoffice Address.
		Infants.	Adults.	Beneficial Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.																
Frederick C Bauman vac	Harmony.....	2	120	80	10	3	15	5	85	15	1	1	1	1	75	1	1	\$25 00	\$425 00	4	Zwingli, Dubuque Co., Iowa.
	Coneville.....	3	125	80	1	1	1	1	100	2	1	1	1	1	150	1	1	15 00	400 00	4	
	Columbus Junction.....	2	91	50	2	1	1	1	80	2	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	30 00	500 00	4	
Reymond R. Lackey	Wilton Junction.....	1	48	19	3	3	9	1	47	1	1	1	1	1	52	1	1	30 00	400 00	3	Wilton, Iowa.
G. D. Gurley	Tipton.....	2	60	30	3	3	1	3	58	3	1	1	1	1	59	1	1	20 00	598 00	4	Tipton, Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Lisbon.....	1	72	40	2	3	1	5	70	3	3	1	1	1	80	1	1	101 00	525 00	4	Lisbon, Iowa.
	Liscomb.....	2	45	14	1	3	1	1	45	3	1	1	1	1	95	1	1	80 00	350 00	2	
James R. Lewis	Maquoketa.....	3	69	49	5	5	1	3	50	4	1	1	1	1	83	1	1	37 00	430 00	4	Maquoketa, Iowa.
W. E. Shaley	Boulder.....	2	77	43	3	3	1	4	57	1	10	1	1	1	60	1	1	20 00	140 00	3	Brandon, Iowa.
D. K. Fuleason	Leighton.....	1	51	7	2	1	3	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20 00	150 00	2	Leighton, Iowa.
	Pleasant Valley.....	1	56	40	2	1	3	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 00	50 00	2	
Frank Wetzel	Millersburg.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				Sioux City, Iowa.
George Rettig*	Sioux City.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				Monticello, Iowa.
John Nallie*	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				Lyons, Iowa.
10	13	24	883	452	31	14	41	20	622	28	14	4	4	4	14	844	2	\$478 00	\$998 00	34	

*Without Charge

KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	No Congreg'n.	Members.	Mem. Unconf'd.	Bapt'm		Confirmed.	By Certificate.	Communicants	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod. English.	Postoffice Address.
					Infants.	Adults.											Revolut' Purposes.	Congreg'l Expenses.		
Elias Rannan.....	*	2	121	98	10	1	9	24	105				4	2	165		\$4 24	\$350 00	9	E. Portland, Ore.
T. F. Stauffer.....	Abilene.....	1	100	110	10		10	5	70				4	1	100		43 16	440 00	2	Bx 276 Abilene, Kas.
Abraham Bolliger.....	New Basil.....	1	19	14					13				5							New Basil, Kansas.
Hiram Shumaker.....	Holton.....	1	1	20	23	1			20				1	1	5		5 00	24 00	1	Holton, Kansas.
*Sigfried Thomas.....	Schoenfeld.....	1	56	25	4			8	38				1	1	60		17 40	1450 00	6	Banker Hill, Kas.
R. L. Gerhart.....	St. Pauls.....	1																		1624 Cen'l st K C, Mo
E. F. Shore.....	*																			Irwin Creek, Kas.
D. J. Greenwald.....	Bethany.....	1	88	48	2	2		6	60	5				1	125		25 00	400 00		Beloit, Kansas.
Geo. W. Renegan.....	Sabetha.....	3	76	80	4		15	5	76	3		7	1	3	150		20 00	500 00	5	Hiawatha, Kansas.
A. G. Lohman.....	Baker and Wathena.	2	134	68	14			6	115			12		1	67		5 00	410 00		Sabetha, Kansas.
F. H. Keller.....	St. Johns.....	1	15	11					9								2 20	23 00		Wathena, Kansas.
†.....																				Emporia, Kansas.
II	9	12	629	477	45	3	34	54	506	8		19	12	10	623		\$122 50	\$897 00	23	

*Without Charge.

†Without charge since March, 1887.

‡Supplied by Supt. Miss Rev. D. B. Shney.

WICHITA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. Congregation	Members.	Mem. Unconf'd	Baptism		Confirmed.	By Cer. or Renewal of Prof.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd	Deaths.	Sunday Schools	Sunday-School Scholars	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod English.	Postoffice Address
					Infants.	Adults.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congreg'l Purposes.		
John W. Love.....	Wichita	2	62	1	4	2	5	17					2	110		\$1412 00	\$250 00	10	406 S. Mt. St., W'ch, Ks
Dennis B. Shuey.....	Supt. of Missions.....																	1	910 Cong. St., Emp., Ks
Amos Casselman.....	.....																		Lyons, Kansas.
Allen R. Holshouser.....	Lyons	2	49	54	42	8	2					11	1	35					Lyons, Kansas.
Solomon A. Alt.....	Iola	3	51	42	2									41		14 00	83 00		Iola, Allen Co., Ks.
.....	Emporia.....	1	20	31	2											10 00		1	Emporia, Kansas.
Adam S. Weber.....	.....																		Wichita, Kansas.
6	4	8	176	88	14	2	7	17	149			11	3	186		\$1436 00	\$333 00	19	

*\$1375.00 was to the Wichita University endowment.

†Rev A. R. Holshouser resigned and Rev. A. Casselman became pastor September 1st, 1887.

‡Union Sunday Schools.

§Supplied in part by Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions.

¶President Wichita University.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in the United States, September 29th, 1887.

CLASSES	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptism.			Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commenced.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevol.	Congregl.
Northern Illinois.....	32	68	890	691	37	70	38	15	650	5			22	22	999	1	\$887 00	\$3,578 00
Iowa.....	10	24	823	532	31	14	11	20	525	2			1	14	841	2	478 00	3,968 00
Kansas.....	11	12	639	477	45	3	31	54	505	8			19	10	673		125 00	8,597 00
Wichita.....	6		176	88	14	2	7	11	149				11	3	186		1,436 00	33,350 00
Total 4 Classes	39	68	2,578	1,518	127	29	120	110	1,927	41			41	38	2,702	3	2,924 00	51,443 00
Synod of U. S., 11 Classes	222	193	89740	61330	5595	467	1304	2007	65505	1072			4	651	2399	548	60,931 00	325,248 00
Synod of Ohio 6 ..	111	233	18678	12957	836	500	1262	67	14615	444			9	529	315	269	15,233 00	84,000 00
Synod of Ptsburg 5 ..	60	129	15065	9212	833	116	79	426	10593	326			1	251	235	98	11,398 00	54,479 00
Synod of N. W. 9 ..	118	167	15635	13398	1131	7	945	818	11937	207			15	334	342	163	13,573 00	66,894 00
Synod of Pine 10 ..	147	292	3088	19463	1766	276	1637	730	26185	569			2	274	722	251	3,466 00	116,321 00
Ger Synod of E. 5 ..	47	42	12708	7625	2060	11	733	597	9751	49			2	268	130	6	6,223 00	76,106 00
Central Synod, 4 ..	79	115	16589	10503	1115	40	822	612	12418	209			3	339	371	109	8,769 00	67,199 00
T. U. S. Dis Synods 54 ..	823	1512	190527	11146	3743	1509	10542	6051	52274	29			7	38	2760	1832	\$147,297 00	\$841,291 00
Statistics for 1886 ..	802	148	183980	108721	11089	1741	10763	5582	146395	2551			38	2581	4328	1422	\$141,122 00	\$801,382 00

SECOND ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR

OF THE

✓
✦ REFORMED CHURCH ✦

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

TIPTON, IOWA, OCTOBER 25th, 1888.

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SECOND ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Tipton, Iowa, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of October, at half past seven o'clock, in the evening, in the in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight, and closed its session on the following Monday afternoon.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Interior convened in St. John's Reformed Church, at Tipton Iowa, on Thursday, October 25th 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, in general Convention, and was opened with a sermon by the President, Rev. D. S. Fouse, on Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer by the President.

The Synod then proceeded to complete the roll, and effect the organization for the year.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

II. Illinois Classis.

Ministers:—S. L. Runkel, H. Bair², Geo. L. Hartzel², Geo. E. Metger² and Joseph Sechler².

Elders:—Christain Paul², C. T. Kleckner², Lewis Rauch².

II. Iowa Classis.

Ministers:—F. C. Bauman, G. D. Garley, D. S. Fouse, D. K. Fulcason, S. Ream, Frank Wetzell.

Elders:—Nicholas Leffert, Irwin Idle, W. H. Johnson, John Uhler, T. O. Hines, T. I. Furst², and J. P. Wilhelm². Elder Jacob Lenker⁵ took the place of Elder T. I. Furst on Monday morning.

III. Kansas Classis.

Ministers:—T. F. Stauffer, A. G. Lohman, W. E. Shaley. No Elders.

IV. Wichita Classis.

Ministers:—D. B. Shuey, J. W. Love, A. Casselman²

Elders:—J. H. Brown.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate, not present at the opening of Synod, took his seat.

Advisory Members.

The following Advisory members were present during the sessions.

St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio. Rev. J. C. Beade.

Illinois Classis.—L. H. Diehl.

Ministers of other Churches.

The presence was announced, from time to time, of Rev. J. A. Kissel of the Lutheran Church, Rev. Townsend of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. D. Sheffer of the M. E. Church. These were invited to seats.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. H. Bair, President, Forreston Ills.

Rev. T. F. Stauffer, is Stated Clerk, Abilene Kansas.

Rev. Amos Casselman, Corresponding Secretary, Lyons Kansas.

Elder J. Henry Brown, Treasurer, Box 71, Wichita Kansas.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's *Rules of Order* were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first six pews in front of the Chancel of the Church.

The following hours of opening and closing of the sessions were fixed, viz. open at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.; and adjourn at 11:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. G. D. Gurley, D. S. Fouse, and Elder C. Paul.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. Geo. E. Metger, S. Ream, and Elder C. T. Kleckner.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, D. K. Fulcason, and Elder J. P. Wilhelm.

Overtures.—Revs. A. Casselman, S. L. Runkel and Elder J. H. Brown.

State of Religion.—Revs. D. S. Fouse, J. W. Love, and Elder T. O. Hines.

Nominations.—Revs. W. E. Shaley, Joseph Sechler and Elder John Uhler.

Missions.—Revs. J. W. Love, F. Wetzel, and Elder W. H. Johnson.

Finance.—Rev. J. Sechler, F. C. Bauman, and Elder T. I. Furst.

Sunday-Schools.—Revs. D. B. Shuey, A. G. Lohman, and Elder John Uhler.

Publication.—Revs. J. W. Love, Geo. P. Hartzel and Elder C. T. Kleckner.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita

Classes, were by action of the Synod, placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, Chairman of Committee on Minutes of Classis, prior to the meeting of this Synod; and the Classical Reports on the State of the Church and Statistics in the hands of the President of Synod, as Chairman of Committee on the State of the Church.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented, read and then referred to the committee on Finance.

3. The Reports of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions were presented, read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

4. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions was read and adopted.

5. The Report of Board of Education was read and adopted and the item referring to the seeking out young men for the Christian Ministry, was referred to a Special Committee. On motion, hereafter the Board of Education shall be known as the Board of Beneficiary Education.

6. The Report of the Board of Orphan Homes was read and referred to a Special Committee.

7. The Report of Board of Trustees of Synod was read, and adopted.

8. All vacancies on the various Boards were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

9. Other communications received by Synod were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The following services were observed by Synod during its sessions:

1. Thirty minutes of each mornings session were spent in special devotional service.

2. All sessions of Synod were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

3. The Standing Committee on Religious Services, reported the following appointments as their report which was adopted.

REFORMED CHURCH.

Friday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. S. Ream.

Saturday Evening.—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. A. Casselman. Altar Service by Rev. F. C. Bauman.

Sunday—9:30 A. M. Talks to Sunday-School, Revs. J. Sechler, D. S. Fouse and Geo. P. Hartzel.

Sunday—10:30 A. M. Communion Service. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Love. Altar Service, Rev. F. Wetzel.

Hebron Church—2:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. F. Wetzel.

Sunday Evening—Missionary Meeting, under direction of Board of Missions.

Lutheran Church—Sunday Morning. Sermon by Rev. T. F. Stauffer. Sunday Evening. Sermon by Rev. Geo. P. Hartzel.

Presbyterian Church—Sunday Morning. Sermon by Rev. Geo. E. Metger. Sunday Evening; Sermon by Rev. S. L. Runkle.

Methodist Church—Sunday Morning; Sermon by Rev. A. Casselman. Sunday Evening; Sermon by Rev. Jos. Sechler.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

During the Saturday forenoon session the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod presented its report, which was considered item by item and adopted as a whole, and is as follows.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Item 1, Page 5. Appoints a committee on Charter and Seal, which made but a partial report, and of which committee Rev. D. B. Shuey is Chairman.

Item 2, Page 9. The Stated Clerk is instructed to inform the Ohio Synod through its Stated Clerk, that this Synod assumes seventy-three (\$73) dollars of General Synod's assessment on the Ohio Synod, the membership of this Synod at that time being included in the membership of the Ohio Synod.

Item 3, Page 12. Is a request to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions and the Ohio Synod's Board of Missions to continue at least the present amount of support to missions in the bounds of this Synod, with additional funds if possible.

Item 4, Page 12. Recommends Missionary Societies to be organized in classes and congregations within the bounds of Synod.

Item 5, Page 12. Is a request to the Tri-Synodic Board to

continue the office of Missionary Superintendent, and make his territory commensurate with the territory of this Synod.

Item 6, Page 12. Recommends the Classes to apportion at least 50 cents per member for the support of missions.

Item 7, Page 13. Grants Wichita University one page of the published minutes for its advertisement.

Item 8, Page 13. Instructs the Stated Clerk to publish at least 2500 copies of Minutes of Synod.

Item 9, Page 13. Instructs the Treasurer of Synod to pay \$5.00 to St. Pauls Reformed Church, Kansas City Mo., for expenses.

Item 10, Page 14. Synod directed the collection of the Missionary meeting at last annual meeting, to be paid to the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 11, Page 14. Instructs the Stated Clerk to furnish Statistical Blanks to Stated Clerks of Classes.

Item 12, Page 14. Requires the Stated Clerks of Classes to put into the hands of the President of Synod the Classical Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics at least 30 days before the Synodical Meeting.

Item 13, Page 14. Requires Stated Clerks of Classes, to put into the hands of the Stated Clerks of Synod, a complete copy of the minutes of Classes at least 30 days before the meeting of Synod, who with his co members shall have the Report on Minutes of Classes ready at the opening of Synod.

Item 14, Page 14. Directs the Stated Clerk to publish the reports of the Presidents of Home and Foreign Missions, if it does not add too much to the expense.

Item 15, Page 14. Requires charges within the bounds of this Synod to send the credentials of delegates *primarii* and *secundi* to the Stated Clerk of Synod at least 15 days before the meetings of Synod.

Item 16, Page 14. This Synod directs all benevolent offerings of congregations to pass through the hands of the Classical Treasurer and also through Synod's Treasurer, either by actual payment of monies or receipts so that a full showing of benevolent work may be made.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. METGER, *Chairman.*

The action of Synod upon the items of the report is as follows: Item 1, the Committee reported their duties attended to, and handed over to Synod both Charter and Seal. The report was

adopted and the Committee discharged. Items 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, attended to. Items 4 and 6 were referred to the committee on Missions. Item 7, attended to, and on motion two pages, were granted to Wichita University for advertising purposes, in the published minutes of this Synod. Item 11, attended to, and the following resolution adopted.

Resolved, That the Statistical Blanks adopted by the General Synod shall be used by the congregations to the Classes, and that Stated Clerks be requested to furnish congregations with said blanks. Item 13, attended to, and on motion the action No. 3 of last year was rescinded. Item 14, adopted. Item 15, attended to in part. On motion the action was reiterated. Item 16, adopted and the action of last year reaffirmed:

ARTICLE IX.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during Friday morning's session, which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

BRETHREN:—It becomes us, first of all to return unto the Great Head of the Church hearty thanks for His tender care over us during the past Synodical year, and for the measure of success that has attended our efforts to extend the borders of His Kingdom over the goodly territory embraced within the boundaries of the Synod. The first year of the history of this body is past. We are indeed scarcely organized and fully equipped, as yet, for the great work before us. What has been done during the first year of our existence, the reports may lay before us in an imperfect way; but eternity will reveal its true character. The reports on the State of Religion and statistics from the various Classes came into the hands of the Chairman of your Committee as directed by this body at its meeting last year. We examined these reports as carefully as possible, and found in them matters of an encouraging character, while on the other hand we found complaints and shortcomings that give evidence of a lack of religious interest and a want of zeal which should not be found among those who stand in the Covenant of Grace. But upon the whole the reports are of an encouraging character. We should feel grateful to God for the fact that during the year all the pastors

of the Synod were permitted to carry forward their work in their charges without any interruptions because of sickness, while the Angel of death did not strike down a single one of our number. Dark shadows of a deep sorrow fell across the pathway of several of the brethren, as death entered their homes and took away bosom companions as in the case of Dr. Mease and Rev. S. L. Runkle but personally the lives and health of our pastors have been precious in the sight of the Lord. These stricken pastors, with others, were thus spared to go into the families of those who were visited by the death Angel to speak words of consolation and peace to saddened hearts. With regard to the general work of the Church within the bounds of this youngest Synod the reports speak with confidence and hope. The field is large and ripe unto the harvest. Many hopeful points are calling loudly for Ministers to break unto them the bread of life. The Classes have been extending their boarders and, as much as possible, have endeavored to meet the urgent calls that are made upon them. Additional congregations have been organized, new church buildings have been erected, while old ones have been repaired and beautified. This seems to have been true especially in the new, but vigorous Classis of Wichita. In this same Classis is located the Wichita University, which is now in the first year of its educational work. The reports from it are encouraging and assuring and your Committee especially congratulates the church upon the opening of this vigorous Institution of which so much is expected to aid the Church in the Southwest. Thus the outward growth of the Church has been all that could reasonably be expected with the forces at hand. But while this outward prosperity gives hopeful signs for the future we have at hand also evidences that the inner life of the church has not been neglected. We should lengthen our cords, but the stakes must be correspondingly strengthened. The column of Confirmations gives evidence that the pastors did faithful work. Several of the reports speak especially of the work done in the Catechetical class and emphasize the great need of still more earnest work in this direction. A large number of Children were brought to the Altar and dedicated to the service of God in holy baptism. This is one of the hopeful signs for the Synod—and the more so in these days when so many of the old historic Churches have let go this doctrine of the fathers and, as we believe, one of the fundamental doctrines of the word of God. May our pastors emphasize the need of Christian parents bringing their children into the Covenant of Grace by Holy Baptism. We note with special pleasure the comparatively large number of adult baptisms. This tells us that the Church is reaching out into the uncovenanted world and is bringing into

the fold of Christ those who hitherto had no share or lot in the Covenant of Grace. This is as it should be. While she must take care of her baptized Children by instructing them in the ways of life—urging upon them to claim their birth-right—it is yet encouraging when those who have grown to man and womanhood in the world feel the warm influences of divine grace and give themselves a living sacrifice upon the Altar of God. The Sunday-School work has received due consideration, and progress has been made in this direction. The number of communicants, while comparatively large, is yet not what it should be. It would seem that not one who names Christ as his Saviour should neglect the table of the Lord. Coming to the column of Benevolent Contributions we find that the average giving has been \$.66 per member. This evidently does not represent the whole amount of such contributions. We always fail in giving our people credit for what they do in the line of benevolence; but more earnest efforts should be made to increase the benevolent contributions of the Synod. The average contributions for Congregational purposes is \$6.51. This is a very fair showing when we consider that quite a number of our charges are vacant, and therefore fail to swell the grand total as they would do were they all supplied with pastors. While therefore there is much that may rightly encourage us in the reports sent up to the Synod, there is yet one universal cry that comes up from all the Classes, namely that the field is much more extensive than can be cultivated; but, alas! from whence shall come the men to do the work? Here is a grand opportunity opened before us, just now, had we but the men and the means to improve it. A large number of Charges are vacant that must speedily be filled if much harm is not to result from it. It is a hopeful sign in any church when there are fields for all the Ministers of that church; but when the fields become more numerous than the ministers, much harm must result. The people become discouraged and will finally scatter if they continue for a long time to call for a pastor and none will answer the call. In one Classis, that of Iowa, there are to-day no less than five charges without pastors, and some of these have always been regarded among the best in it. What shall be done, brethren, that these destitute fields may be speedily supplied with pastors? Is there not an admonition here to the parents of our Churches to dedicate their sons to the Gospel Ministry? Is it not time, in the history of our church, when greater efforts should be made to induce pious young men to enter the ministry? There is not a Church in this goodly land with better prospects for the future than the Reformed Church; but we need to make greater efforts to fill up the ranks of the ministry. Let us hope that

at the close of another year all our vacant fields will be filled with efficient pastors, while new points of promise will be taken up. And now to Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee	{	D. S. FOUSE,
		J. W. LOVE.
		T. O. HINES.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during Friday Morning's session, submitted its report, which was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to offer the following report.

We have carefully examined the Minutes of the different Classes, and find the following items demanding the action of Synod.

I. IRREGULARITIES.—None.

II. REQUESTS FROM CLASSES TO SYNOD.

1. Illinois Classis requests Synod to take steps to organize a Synodical Woman's Missionary Society as soon as possible.

2. Wichita Classis requests the continuance of Rev. D. B. Shuey, as Supt. of Missions.

3. Wichita Classis requests the Synod of the Interior to confirm its action of special meeting, in the absence of one Elder to form a quorum.

4. Iowa Classis requests Synod to hereafter direct stated clerks of Classes to bring the minute books of Classes, or a complete copy of the Minutes to the meeting of Synod for review.

5. The same Classis requests Synod to direct the Superintendent of Missions to devote more time to the Mission work of the entire Synod, and less to the State of Kansas.

III. SUBJECT REFERRED BY SYNOD TO CLASSES.

6. All the Classes approved the items referred by Synod.

IV. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

7. Illinois Classis, received Rev. William M. Andrews, from

Westmorland Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Rev. Geo. P. Hartzel, from East Susquehanna Classis, Synod of the U. S. and dismissed Rev. J. F. Butler to Iowa Classis, and Rev. H. L. Hart to Miami Classis, Ohio Synod.

8. Iowa Classis received Rev. J. F. Butler, from Illinois Classis, Rev. Samuel Ream, from Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod, and dismissed Rev. W. E. Shaley, to Kansas Classis, Rev. J. R. Lewis to Philadelphia Classis, Synod of the U. S. and Rev. W. A. From to St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod.

9. Iowa Classis dropped from its roll of ministers, the name of R. R. Lackey, who entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, without proper credentials.

10. Illinois Classis dropped the name of J. H. Lippard from its roll of ministers on the ground of persistent indifference to his relation to the Church, and furthermore, he having entered the Congregational Church without constitutional qualifications.

11. Kansas Classis received Rev. W. E. Shaley, from Iowa Classis, and dismissed Rev. G. W. Remagan to East Pennsylvania Classis, Synod of the U. S. and Rev. R. L. Gerhart, to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

12. Wichita Classis examined and licensed Mr. Nicholas Joss, a graduate of the Mission House at St. Chrischona, Bern, Switzerland, and authorized him to preach in Otis Mission, Rush and Barton Counties, Kansas, and dismissed Rev. A. S. Weber to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

13. Illinois Classis meets at Forreston, Ills., May 22nd 1889, at 7:30 P. M., Rev. H. Bair, President, Rev. J. Wolbach, Stated Clerk, Rev. Joseph Sechler, Treasurer.

13. Iowa Classis meets at Liscomb, Iowa, on Wednesday evening, preceeding the first full moon, September 1889. Rev. F. Wetzel, President, Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

15. Kansas Classis meets at Topeka Kansas, on Thursday, May 23d, 1889, at 8:00 P. M. Rev. H. Shumaker, President, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk, Rev. F. H. Keller, Treasnrer.

16. Wichita Classis meets at Iola, Allen County, Kansas, on Thursday, May 8th, 1889, at 8:00 P. M. Rev. S. A. Alt, President and Treasurer, Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. STAUFFER, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, were refered to the Committee on Missions.

Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, were adopted.

Items 5 and 9, were refered to Special Committee. See Article XX Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE XI.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, was acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole and is as follows.

Your Committee would report the following items gathered from papers put into our hands, claiming the attention of your body.

1. A request from Rev. H. Shumaker to be excused from non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

2. An invitation from Hiawatha Congregation, Brown County Kansas to Synod, to hold the next annual meeting at that place.

3. A overture from The Ladies Missionary Society of the Reformed Church at Dakota Illinois in regard to the organization of a Synodical Ladies Missionary Society.

4. A communication from St. Paul's Church Kansas City Mo., appealing to this Synod from a certain action of Kansas Classis.

5. A request from Rev. J. Naille asking to be excused for non-attendance.

6. A request from Rev. S. Mease D. D., asking to be excused for non-attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. CASSELMAN, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 5, and 6, adopted and the requests granted.

Item 2. Laid on the table until time of selecting time and place of next annual meeting.

Item 3. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 4. Referred to a Special Committee. See Article XII.

ARTICLE XII.

APPEALS.

The Committee on the Appeal of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kansas City, from the action of Kansas Classis offered the following report which was adopted, viz.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following report.

The following named documents were placed in our hands: Minutes of Kansas Classis and the Appeal of the Consistory of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kansas City.

After examining the documents, we recommend, as the appellant has not appeared to prosecute the appeal, nor shown that he was unavoidably prevented from so doing, that the appeal be considered abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. METGER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its annual report to Synod during the session of Friday forenoon, which was adopted. The Report is as follows.

The Board of Education of this Synod organized by electing Rev. D. B. Shuey President, Rev. G. D. Gurley Secretary and Elder L. H. Diehl Treasurer.

The duties of this Board were not defined by the Synod, but we suppose Beneficiary Education is the special care and work of this Board. Feeling the importance of an efficient ministry, and a thorough training on the part of those who seek entrance into the ranks of the Christian Ministry, the Board would recommend to the Synod to make provision for some funds at least, for the use of the Board, whose duty it shall be to seek out young men and assist such who would study for the Ministry, but are hindered for want of means. This Synod now has facilities through the College of Northern Illinois and the Wichita University to educate her own sons who look forward to the Christian Ministry. The term of Rev. G. D. Gurley expires with this meeting, and it becomes the duty of Synod to fill this vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, *President.*

On motion, this Board, hereafter shall be known as the Board of Beneficiary Education.

Upon the adoption of the report at the morning session the item relating to beneficiary education was referred to a special committee. This Committee subsequently reported as follows and the report was adopted as a whole.

Your Special Committee on Beneficiary Education beg leave to make the following report.

WHEREAS. The Reformed Church in the United States, espec-

ially the western portion of it, is very much in need of educated young men to enter its ministry, and

WHEREAS, There are young men who desire to prepare themselves for the ministry, but have not the means to educate themselves, and desire aid from the Church. Therefore be it,

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Beneficiary Education be urged to seek out young men of the Church, who are willing and capable to enter the gospel ministry, and use all proper measures to persuade them to enter the ranks of the ministry.

Resolved, 2. That the pastors present this matter to their people at least once during the year in a sermon or otherwise and point out the necessity, and the claims of Christ and his Church upon them.

Resolved, 3. That the Board of Beneficiary Education at once make efforts to procure funds for the purpose of aiding needy young men in procuring an education.

Resolved, 4. That the Board of Beneficiary Education and pastors call the attention of persons of means to the needs of such a fund and endeavor to procure a special contribution from them.

Resolved, 5. That an apportionment of at least 15 cents for each communicant member be made and the pastors be urged to collect the same and send it to the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WETZEL, *Chairman*.

The Report of Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions, adopted by Synod is as follows.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board have had the care (nominally) of the Wichita University at Wichita Kansas. The Board has had no meeting, as none seemed to be necessary, as the interests of the above named institution are well cared for by its Board of Trustees whose President will make a report of its present status and progress. We may simply mention, however, that the University is in successful operation with a full corps of teachers in the literary, musical and art departments. There are over one hundred students in these several departments, and the prospects of increase are encouraging. With the hearty co-operation of the brethren of Synod, we believe this Institution has a bright future before it, and will be an important means of furthering the interests of the Reformed Church, not only within our own bounds, but throughout the entire church, and especially throughout the great west. In this connection it may

be proper to note that our Institution at Dakota Illinois, is reported as also doing moderately well, and having a promising future. The term of Rev. R. L. Gerhart, expires with this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, *Chairman.*

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University was submitted during Saturday morning's session, adopted, and is as follows.

The Board of Trustees of Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States, would respectfully report to this Synod that the school is now in successful operation. We opened on Wednesday, September 5th 1888, in the new building which was almost completed at that time. We now have 40 students enrolled in the Literary department, and 70 in the Musical and Art departments. The faculty consists of 7 teachers, four of whom are employed in the Literary department, two in the Music and one in the Art departments. Our arrangements are such that the teachers in the Music and Art departments receive their pay from their own students without any financial responsibility by the Board.

The Board now has a fine Campus consisting of 20 acres, in fee simple, on high ground east of the City of Wichita. The building with heating apparatus, with other improvements cost about \$25,000. Five citizens of Wichita gave their guarantee Bond to furnish \$25,000, for the above purpose. Of this amount more than \$10,000 has been paid in by them. For the balance the Board has entered suit against these Bondsmen and we believe the full amount is collectable. We have the sympathy and co-operation of the community and we believe success will crown our efforts. The endowment Fund of \$15,000 has all been paid, except a small balance by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. for which arrangements have been made and the funds will no doubt be on hands in a few days. Most of the funds are on interest on Real Estate Mortgages. Some of the Mortgages lately became due and were paid off and some funds were lately received from the east. This accounts for the fact that not all the funds are on interest at present.

We respectfully ask the Synod to take such action as will give the hearty co-operation of the whole Synod and assist in increasing the number of students and, especially of such as have the ministry in view. Let us seek to make it a strong Synodical College of the Reformed Church.

The Board would further report that the time of Dr. Joseph Coblentz, Rev. T. F. Stanffer and J. D. Hutchings as Trustees

will expire on November 1st 1888, and we ask Synod to fill these vacancies. For this purpose the Board nominated, Dr. Joseph Coblentz, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, D. S. Stover and E. P. Martin of the Reformed Church and C. C. Fees and J. D. Chatfield of the citizens of Wichita.

Praying that the Great Head of the Church may bless us and guide us in this grand work, we submit this our first annual report.

D. B. SHUEY, *President of Board of Trustees.*

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; the Report of the Board of Missions of Synod; a communication from the Ladies Missionary Society of the Reformed Church, Dakota Illinois, with several other items of a Missionary Character, were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The committee presented its report at the Saturday afternoon session, which was adopted at Monday mornings session. The Report on the Subject of Foreign Missions, is as follows.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Interior:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: "The Lord hath done great things, whereof we are glad." With this note of praise to Almighty God for His great mercies through another year, permit me to lay before your Reverend body a brief report of our Foreign Missionary work.

The record of the past year is a grand recital of magnificent prosperity. And this saying applies to the zeal and liberality of the Church at home as well as to the work of our faithful missionaries in Japan. The Church has paid more attention to the cause of Foreign Missions than at any other time in her history. Our people have been awaking from a deep slumber, and we confidently hope that it may be a resurrection which knows of no second death.

The royal command of the Lord Jesus— "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the people, for they take more interest in, and give more liberally for, the spread of the Gospel.

Our contributions for the last twelve months amount to \$20,000. This sum, however, includes in part the special offerings for the

Girls' School Building at Sendai, the dwellings for the lady teachers and missionary Hoy, and the sending forth of two new missionaries and a lady teacher for the Girls' School.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. A. D. Gring and wife are still with us. Since he is unable to return with his family to Japan this fall, he will continue his visits among the Churches in this country in the interest of the Board for its Mission in Japan. His stay in America has had a healthful influence on our pastors and people, to whose confidence and affection we commend him anew.

Rev. J. P. Moore and wife labor at Yamagata. He is the Principal of an English Japanese school. His success as a teacher has been a great help to him in his evangelistic work. He writes: "Our school has been a sort of advertising medium to Christianity." He has laid the foundation for a flourishing congregation. The membership comprises the best people of the town, and with new chapel the growth of the congregation is assured.

Mrs. Moore is an invaluable help, and she is never weary in doing good to the poor and needy. She is an angel of mercy to the infirm of the hospitals. The Board is very anxious to secure another missionary family for Yamagata, for which provision has already been made, but up to this time our efforts have been in vain. We trust that the proper man may be found very soon.

Rev. W. E. Hoy was married to Miss Mary B. Ault on the 27th day of December, 1887. He is the Elijah in the school of the Prophets at Sendai, and with his amiable wife will accomplish great things for the Lord.

The Misses Poorbaugh have charge of the Girls' school at Sendai. Miss Lizzie is one of the founders of that noble institution. Miss Emma arrived at Yokohama on the 9th day of July, 1888. The Board awaits great results from the joint labors of of these sisters. We believe that the statement made by a missionary in regard to two sisters of another Church, will be verified in this instance:—"I never knew better work than that done by two sisters, so permanent, so steady and every way successful and admirable, and they are still at it and apparently good for another quarter century."

Rev. D. B. Schneder and wife arrived at Yokohama on the 21st day of December, 1887. He is making rapid progress in the study of the Japanese language, and is wielding a good influence in the Theological Training School at Sendai.

SALE OF THE TOKIO HOUSE.

For reasons satisfactory to the Board, the 28 Tsukiji property

was sold on the 14th day of July, 1888, for \$3000 (Mexican currency). We are confident that the future will make it plain to the Church that the judgement of the Board, as well as the judgement of the Mission, has been correct in this matter.

The sale of the house will in no wise interfere with our work in and around Tokio. The churches at Bancho and Nihon Bashi will remain as heretofore, under the care of the Mission, and receive appropriations from the Board. The money realized from the sale of the Tokio house will be used in the erection of the buildings at Sendai.

THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The Girls' School building is in process of erection, and the teachers expect to occupy it by next Christmas. Besides the school building, the Board is erecting two dwellings— one for the lady teachers and the other for missionary Hoy.

The cost of the several structures will exceed the fund on hand for these specific purposes, but the Board has full confidence in the liberality of the people, and in faith, we go forward.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On the 29th day of September, 1838, at the Synod in Lancaster, Pa., the Board of Foreign Mission was organized with the following ministers and elders as its members: Revs. Dietrich Willers, Elias Heiner, Bernard C. Wolff, John Cares, Samuel Gutelius, Joseph F. Berg, Samuel R. Fisher, and elders John J. Mayer, Matthew Shaw, Daniel Buckey, John B. Seidenstricker and Burchert Mayer.

It is proper that we should celebrate such a memorable event. The Board has set apart the month of November as a suitable season for missionary services in honor of its fiftieth anniversary. A historical sketch will soon appear, containing many interesting facts. An order of service will also be ready in due time. The Board respectfully requests the Reverend Synods to take such action as will help to make the month of November a jubilee of missions.

STATISTICS OF THE WORK.

The statistical table of the mission for the fiscal year ending June 1st, 1888, presents a bird's-eye view of the work done by our faithful band of workers in Japan. Truly the Lord of the harvest has been graciously smiling upon their efforts to save souls. And the half has not been told. Back of the cold figures are the throbbing hearts of thankful men, women and children, who greatly rejoice that Jesus Christ dwells in them, "the hope of glory."

These cheerful tidings of the marvellous success of our dear

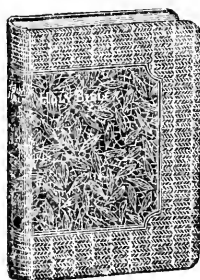
brethren and sisters in the Empire of the Rising Sun, should fill us with fresh zeal and new courage.

In behalf of these precious "first fruits," we kindly ask for the earnest prayers, the warm sympathy and the liberal support of all the churches, and we affectionately urge the Reverend Synod to impress upon the hearts and minds of the people the urgent claims of Foreign Missions.

There is a great work for us to do in Japan, and the present is the missionary opportunity of our Church. Let us improve the golden opportunity and the Lord will cause the light of our dear Zion to shine more and more unto the perfect day. Yours in Gospel bonds,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

Pottsville, Pa., October 1, 1888.



STATISTICAL REPORT.

TOKIO DISTRICT.	Pres. Memb.				Men.	Women	Children	Total	Boys' Schools	Scholars in same.	Girls' Schools	Scholars in same.	Sunday-schools	Scholars in same.	Theological School.	Students of Theology.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs	Bible Women	Contributions for all purposes.	
Nihon Bashi.....	1	9	2	1	25	16	9	50					1	1	58		1				\$ 44 63	
Oji.....					17	17	4	38					1	1	22						17 60	
Iwatsuki.....	1	6	2	1	53	21	7	81					1	1	45		1				20 98	
Matsubayashi and Noda.....					18	9	8	35					1	1	38						7 20	
Bancho.....	1	48			78	44	2	124					1	1	95		1	1			405 00	
SENDAI DISTRICT.																						
Sendai, Fukushima, Na-																						
kanura, Hobara.....	1	3	207		346	143		489			148	5	161	1	8	3	2	2	1	1	1	\$ 768 27
Iwanuma.....	1		61		73	25		98		78					1	93		1			135 81	
Ishinomaki and Tome.....	1		31		42	16		58								58		1			67 55	
Furukawa.....					24	12		36							1	11					35 00	
Hakodate.....	1	1	2	20	42	25		67								73			1		178 50	
Monbetsu, Mororan and					66	34	2	103					1	1	30						210 00	
"Idaru".....	1	1	2	12	16	7		23		83			1	1	35		1				40 00	
Yamagata.....																						
Grand Total.....	8	4	7	482	856	6	801	339	32	1292	2	161	148	16	719	1	9	7	7	2	2	\$1950 45

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

At the organization of the "Synod of the Interior" at Kansas City last year, a Board of Missions was created, consisting of Rev's. D. B. Shuey, A. S. Weber and D. S. Fouse. This Board was subsequently duly organized and is thus ready for any business that might rightfully come before it. Since then Rev. A. S. Weber has returned to the east leaving only two members on the Board. When we began the work we found all the Missions, within the bounds of the Synod, under the care of the Tri-Synodic Board, and the Board of the Ohio Synod. The whole number of

Missions then under these two Boards was twenty—fourteen under the Tri-Synodic Board and six under the Ohio Board. The whole amount paid these fields by these Boards was \$7,500. We are not able to say now whether the Ohio Synod still has charge of the same number of missions as last year. The Tri-Synodic Board, as stated, has fourteen of our missions under its care.

To these it paid last year \$5,850. The appropriations for this year amount to \$5,335.

During the year a new field was opened and provided for. This field is in Rush Co. Kansas. It is not under the care of other Synod's Board: but belongs exclusively to your Synod's Board and must be provided for by us as a Synod. At present Nicholus Joss, has charge of the field. He is a Licentiate of Wichita Classis and had an appropriation made of \$100 for the present year by your Board.

The Sioux City mission was fully organized during the year. It consisted of two congregations and the missionary receives his apportionment from the Tri-Synodic Board.

There are several points to which the Board would call the attention of Synod.

1st. Heretofore it was the custom for the Tri-Synodic Board to make an appropriation. The missionary would receive the apportionment—less the amount raised in the field for Mission purposes. In this way the mission would receive the proper credit for having raised a certain amount of missionary money. At its last meeting the Tri-Synodic Board passed a resolution that it would commission its Missionaries with an appropriation only as large as is necessary for the Board to pay, with the understanding that the additional amounts that are to be paid to the missionaries from the alms or missionary funds of the congregation must be arranged for in some other way.

Your Board would, therefore, suggest that hereafter, all the missionary monies raised by the congregations within our bounds be paid into the hands of the Synod's Missionary Treasury, and that the Board of Synod then make appropriations to supplement, if necessary, that of the other Boards.

2d. We deem it a matter of importance that our Synod at this meeting, in some suitable way, urge upon the other Boards now having missions within our bounds, to pay the amount of appropriation into the hands of your Treasurer and that the appropriations be then made to the missionaries directly by your Board. This would obviate the necessity of a double appropriation, which under the present arrangement is absolutely necessary. We deem some such action necessary before the mission work of this Synod can be carried forward with anything like the force that should characterize it, and the time has cer-

tainly now arrived when we should take a broader view of this work and devise more liberal things for it. There has been commendable progress made by the missions during the year. The foundation for the new church at Sioux City is laid. At Iola, Kansas, a new church has been dedicated. The fine new church at Wichita is nearing completion. The church at Lyons, Kansas, has been thoroughly repaired, while in other mission fields within our bonds much work has been done.

The Superintendent of missions has done what he could, but his hands were tied by being compelled to preach at Topeka and other points to the detriment of the mission work at large in the Synod. We hope much for the future, and would urge upon Synod to devise such ways and means as will greatly enlarge the work.

It remains only to be stated that the time for which Rev. A. S. Weber was elected on the Board has expired and another must be elected in his stead.

We herewith transmit the report of the Treasurer of the Mission Board of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE.

THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MISSION BOARD.

A. S. WEBER, *Treasurer in account with the Board of Missions of the Synod of the Interior by D. B. Shuey acting Treasurer.*

Oct. 1st 1887.	Missionary collection at Synod, Kansas City.....	\$ 5 08
April 28, 1888.	Wichita Classis, mission collection....	1 47
May 25, "	Kansas " " "....	9 00
" " "	Christian Dubach, Wichita.....	5 00
Sept. 17, "	B. Wolf Jr. Pittsburg, Pa.....	10 00
		\$ 30 55
	Balance due Treasurer.....	6 57
		\$ 37 12

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Oct. 10, 1887.	Minute Book for Board.....	\$ 45
June 27, 1888.	Nicholas Joss—Salary to July 1st....	16 67
Aug. 21, "	" " " ".....	10 00
Sept. 25, "	" " " ".....	10 00
		\$37 12

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, *Acting Treasurer.*

MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee's Report is as follows.

TIPTON, IOWA, Oct. 27th, 1888.

TO THE REV. SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

Dear Brethren.—Your committee on missions have examined with interest the reports of the Board of Foreign Missions and your own Synods Board of Home Missions.

It is a matter for congratulation and profound thankfulness that our Foreign Mission work is in so prosperous a condition.

The Board seems to have been especially fortunate in the selection of those to whom it has committed the presentation of the Gospel of Christ and the planting of His Church in Japan.

The Missionaries sent, both male and female, with their native workers are evidently doing a good work and succeeding beyond our first and most sanguine expectations. The establishing of eight organized churches, half of them self-supporting, with seven preaching stations into which have been gathered over twelve hundred Japanese, converted from heathenism to Christianity, the founding of Schools, of a Theological Seminary and of Sunday Schools, with over seven hundred scholars, is a great work. All this speaks in most eloquent tones of the energy, ability and fidelity of those to whom this important work has been committed. We therefore offer the following for your adoption.

Resolved. That in further appreciation of the self-denial and earnest labor of our Missionaries in Japan, and as a further expression of our thankfulness for the Divine blessing upon the same, we hereby solemnly pledge ourselves as Ministers and Elders of this new missionary Synod, to do all we can to aid the sacred cause by our means and influence, urging upon all our congregations and people to join with us in doing whatsoever their hands find to do in spreading the Redeemer's Kingdom among the heathen. And, further—We heartily recommend to our pastors and congregations, to hold special missionary services during November of this year, as recommended by The Foreign Board, in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Board.

HOME MISSIONS.

From the report of the Board of Home Missions of this Synod we learn with joy that the waste places of our Zion are being looked after and cared for to the extent that men and means are at hand for that purpose. All our territory, is emphatically home Mission territory, and we believe our pastors are among the most earnest, live and self-sacrificing men to be found in any church. The statistics of our congregations and Classes prove beyond a doubt that much progress has been

made during the past year. But when we look abroad, we are overwhelmed with the vastness of the territory yet to be occupied by our church, and the smallness of the resources at our command to accomplish the work that ought to be done without delay.

The older Synods of the Eastern portion of our dear Zion, have helped us liberally in the past and we believe are willing to help us in the future. We heartily appreciate all they have done, but we still need to appeal for greater liberality and more of the best men they can spare to carry on our ever increasing and promising work in the great west. May the love of Christ constrain all our people, east and west, to consecrate still more of their money, and more of their sons and daughters to the glorious cause of occupying the broad and fertile prairies for Christ. We think the time has come when we should cultivate this vast and promising field more especially through our Synod's Board with the increasing aid of Eastern money and men.

We suggest for your adoption the following action.

1. That all our churches be urged by their pastors and consistories to contribute an average of at least fifty cents per member for Home Missions.

2. That all monies raised for this purpose be under direction of our board, and that the same, or receipts therefor, pass through the hands of Classical treasurers into the hands of the treasurer of the Synod's board.

3. We heartily approve of the organization of Congregational, Classical and Synodical Women's Missionary Societies to aid in carrying forward both our Foreign and Home Mission work, and we recommend to them that they meet with us at least one day during our Classical and Synodical Sessions, and, further,

That this Synod set apart Friday evening after its opening for a general meeting under the direction of the Ladie's Synodical Society, when it has organized.

4. In order to hold our members in promising points and in vacant congregations, until pastors can be secured, and also attend to the general work of the Superintendency, we recommend that the Tri-Synodical Board allow Superintendent Rev. D. B. Shuey to give his entire time to this work, under the direction of the Mission Board of this Synod: and that the Stated Clerk inform the Tri-Synodical Board of this action.

5. That this Synod elect a Board of Church Erection, consisting of five members, with authority to procure a charter, and receive in trust any funds that may be given for this purpose, and we urge upon our wealthy members to give large amounts to this worthy cause.

6. Whereas it is well known that there are a goodly number of substantial members of the Reformed Church in the City of Chicago, who should be organized into an English Reformed congregation, therefore,

Resolved. That we instruct the Mission Board of this Synod to urge upon the Tri-Synodic and Ohio Synod's Boards the great importance of organizing an English Mission in that City at once, promising that this Synod will give all help in its power.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. LOVE, *Chairman, Committee.*

ARTICLE XV.

PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication to which several papers were referred, submitted its report during the forenoon session on Monday. The report was adopted, and is as follows.

Your committee on publication would offer the following:

Resolved. 1. That we do not deem it expedient as yet to enter upon the work of publishing church publications, and would recommend our members to patronize the Publication Houses within the care of the older Synods.

Resolved. 2. That we heartily commend the several Church and Sunday School periodicals that have the approval of the Eastern Synods, and especially urge upon all our Sunday Schools to procure and use the Sunday School helps prepared by the Board of the General Synod in preference to those prepared by any other party or parties.

Resolved. 3. That all our pastors, consistories and people be urged to patronize the publication houses of the Reformed Church in preference to others in the purchase of religious books for Sunday Schools and families.

Resolved. 4. That it is the plain duty of all Reformed heads of families to procure at least one Church paper for religious instruction and culture in the family, and that pastors and consistories are directed to call the attention of our membership to this action.

Resolved. 5. That our several Classes carefully inquire at each annual meeting whether the duties above named and enjoined are attended to and report to Synod from year to year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. P. HARTZELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following report was submitted by the committee, and adopted by Synod.

The Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully report that no papers were referred to us claiming our attention. We would propose the following action.

Resolved. That the work of the Sunday School be earnestly pushed forward in the congregations of our church, and also at other points where there are favorable opportunities, and in this way extend the Kingdom of Christ.

Resolved. That as far as practicable the literature of our own Publication Houses be used in our Sunday Schools.

Resolved. That the Sunday School Board of our Synod, arrange a programme and appoint speakers at least 30 days before the next meeting of Synod, and that Saturday evening of our next meeting be given to that cause.

Resolved. That each Sunday School report full Statistics to Classis and that the Stated Clerks of Classes report the same in aggregated form to this Synod. To enable Sunday Schools to make this report, the Stated Clerk of Synod is hereby required to furnish blanks to all the schools in the bounds of our Synod and that for the present we use the blanks prepared by the Synod of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHURT, *President.*

ARTICLE XVII.

ORPHAN HOMES.

The following report was submitted to, and adopted by Synod.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

Brethren. The Board of Orphan Homes held no meetings during the year. No documents were presented for our consideration. The subject was discussed in a general way from our personal knowledge of the Orphan Homes of the Church, and from what we gathered from published annual reports of these deserving institutions of the Church.

Believing, as we do, that the caring for the Orphan is God's work, and therefore, a part of the work committed to His Church, and seeing no reason why we, as a Synod should stand

aloof from a grand and noble cause in our Church work, therefore, we offer the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved. That as a Synod, we rejoice in the prosperity of the Orphan Homes of the Church already established and, commend them to the Christian liberality of our people.

T. F. STAUFFER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Orphan Homes would offer the following for your adoption:

Resolved. That in the judgement of this Synod the excellent Orphan Homes at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Butler, Penna. and Womelsdorf, Penna. are sufficient to meet our wants for the present.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOVE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was submitted to Synod, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:

J. HENRY BROWN, *Treasurer in Account with Synod of the Interior.*

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Oct. 1887.	Iowa Classis per Rev. D. S. Fouse	\$41 64
May 17, '88	Illinois Classis per Rev. Jos Sechler	43 07
Aug. 1888.	Wichita Classis per Rev. S. A. Alt	10 95

Total	\$95 66
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October 3, 1887.	To use of Church by Synod to Rev. L. Gerhart	\$ 5 00
August 1, 1888.	On assessment of General Synod to Rev. L. H. Kefauver	
	Treasurer	45 00
October 19, "	To Ditto in full	28 00
" 25, "	For Seal and Charter of Synod to Rev. D. B. Shuey	6 15
" "	Salary of Stated Clerk, T. F. Stauffer	7 66

Total	\$91 81
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Due from Kansas Classis	27 34	
Balance in hands of Treasurer		3 85

I have paid all that was due, except the amount of Kansas Classis, which is virtually due T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY BROWN, *Treasurer*.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows. We have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and find that there was paid into the treasury during the year \$95 66. Paid out of this amount \$91.81 for which the proper vouchers have been placed in our hands, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$3.85.

Agreeable to an action of Synod to assess 6 cents on all the members composing this Synod to pay the contingent expenses of Synod, we have made the following assessment on the Classes.

Iowa Classis	members	888 @ 6	\$ 53 28
Illinois Classis	"	883 @ 6	52 98
Kansas Classis	"	633 @ 6	37 98
Wichita Classis	"	249 @ 6	14 94
		<u>2653</u>	<u>159 18</u>

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH SECHLER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIX.

ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations submitted its report on Saturday afternoon session. The Report was adopted and the committee directed to have 100 tickets printed for the use of Synod. The committee reported finally at the session on Monday afternoon at which time the election took place with the following results. We here give the Boards in full, with time of serving. The names marked with a star are the newly elected members.

Board of Missions. *Rev. H. Bair, 5 years; *Elder J. Henry Brown, 4 years; Rev. Joseph Sechler, 3 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 2 years; Rev. D. S. Fouse, 1 year.

Beneficiary Education.—*Rev. G. D. Gurley, 5 years; *Rev. J. W. Love, 4 years; *Rev. F. Wetzel, 3 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey 2 years; Elder L. H. Diehl, 1 year.

Board of Publication.—*Rev. D. B. Shuey, 5 years; *Rev. A. G. Lohman, 4 years; *Rev. D. S. Fouse, 3 years; *Elder J. Uhler, 2 years; Rev. S. Mease D. D., 1 year.

Board of Orphan Homes.—*Rev. A. Casselman, 5 years; *Rev. S. L. Runkle, 4 years; *Rev. A. G. Lohman, 3 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 2 years; Elder P. S. Myers, 1 year.

Board of Sunday-School Work.—*Elder J. Miller, 5 years; *Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 4 years; *Rev. G. E. Metger, 3 years; *Rev. W. E. Shaley, 2 years; Rev. S. Mease, D. D., 1 year.

Board of Trustees of Synod.—*Rev. A. Casselman, 5 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 4 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 3 years; Rev. H. Bair, 2 years; Rev. F. H. Keller, 1 year.

Trustees of Wichita University.—*Dr. Joseph Coblentz, 5 years; *Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 5 years; *C. C. Fees, 5 years.

Board of Church Erection.—*Rev. A. Casselman, 5 years; *Rev. A. G. Lohman, 4 years, *Rev. D. S. Fouse, 3 years; *Rev. H. Bair, 2 years; Rev. F. Wetzel, 1 year.

The arrangement of time of serving for each member of the different Boards was fixed by the following special action of Synod prior to the nomination and election of members of Boards.

Resolved:—That all Boards of this Synod shall consist of at least five members, and that the committee on Nominations be directed to report a double number of names to fill these places.

Resolved:—That the term of office of members of all Boards be as follows, viz. the first named member of each Board be declared elected for five years, the second for four years, and so on down, and that the last one named shall be the one whose term shall expire with the next ensuing meeting of Synod.

Resolved:—That each Board shall meet and organize as soon as possible after the election of its members, to map out its work for the ensuing Synodical year.

Resolved:—That the Committee on Nominations report immediately after the Preparatory service, and that the election be made the order of the day for Monday, 10:30 A. M.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following reports of Special Committees, and resolutions were adopted severally.

DEATH OF FATHER WEBER.

Your Special Committee appointed to draw up resolutions relative to our departed Father Geo. Weber, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved. That we learn with sorrow of the death of Father George Weber who was a pioneer of the Reformed Church in the great Mississippi Valley, and laid the foundation of many of the congregations and charges now in the bounds of this Synod.

Resolved. That we recognize in his death the hand of a kind and loving Father, and rejoice that what seems to us a loss is, to him, an eternal gain, joy, peace and happiness in Heaven.

Resolved. That we recognize in him an earnest and zealous worker in the church of Christ, and one always diligent in seeking out the members of the church and those out of the church to break unto them the Bread of Life.

Resolved. That we hereby give expression of our sympathy to the family in their present sorrow and bereavement, and commend his afflicted wife and family to the church and to our kind and loving Father in Heaven.

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and that they be published in the Reformed Church Messenger and the *Christian World*.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WETZEL, *Chairman*.

Rev. J. Naille having been excused for absence at this Synod on account of affliction, the corresponding secretary was directed to send him a letter expressing the sympathy of this body with him.

The Rev. Dr. Mease having been excused for absence at this Synod on account of affliction in his family, the corresponding secretary was instructed to express the sympathy of this Synod to Dr. Mease in his affliction.

CHURCH PAPERS.

Resolved:—That all charges report the number of Church papers taken and that the column of "German minutes wanted," of the statistical tables, be used for this purpose in reporting to Classis.

BOARD OF LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

On motion this Board was discontinued in view of the fact that we have the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

REV. R. R. LACKEY.

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the case of Rev. R. R. Lackey of Iowa Classis, beg leave to report the following.

WHEREAS, Rev. R. R. Lackey a member of Iowa Classis withdrew from Classis without even asking for a dismissal and united with the M. E. Church.

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Synod, that the conduct of Rev. R. R. Lackey was irregular, and disrespectful to the Reformed Church in the United States, and in defiance of the authority of the same.

Resolved. That Synod requests the Iowa Classis to bring to the notice of the M. E. Church the irregularity of Rev. R. R. Lackey.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. P. HARTZELL, *Chairman.*

NORTHERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE.

Resolved. That Northern Illinois College be granted one page in the Minutes of Synod.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

At Friday morning's Session, the Board of Trustees of Synod submitted their report as follows.

The Board of Trustees of Synod was organized by the election of Rev. D. B. Shuey President, Rev. A. S. Weber, Secretary, and Elder J. H. Brown Treasurer. No business claimed the attention of the Board during the year. We call attention of the Synod to the expiration of the term of Rev. A. S. Weber, it being the duty of Synod to fill the same.

D. B. SHUEY, *Chairman.*

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Committee on Missions, at Saturday morning Session reported a program for the Missionary Meeting on Sunday evening, which was faithfully attended to, and the proceeds \$14.43 credited to the congregation.

INTEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The Liquor traffic is evil, only evil, and that continually, and hence the prolific source of vice and crime. Therefore,

Resolved. 1. That we are uncompromisingly opposed to the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage and that we will make every effort to bring about its complete extermination by constitutional and statutory enactments.

2. That we believe it to be the duty of all Christians to insist upon and uphold the enforcement of all laws against the Rum traffic, and to use all proper efforts to bring about the complete prohibition of this traffic which poisons the morals of the people and threatens the safety of our homes by defying all law and order.

SPECIAL DUTIES OF STATED CLERK.

Resolved. That the Stated Clerk publish the full Boards of Synod in the order in which their terms will expire, and to publish 2000 copies of the Minutes of this annual meeting.

Resolved. That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to secure bids from the different Publication Houses under the care of our Reformed Synods and that he have the work done by the lowest bidder.

On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to secure, if possible, from five to ten pages of advertisements to be published with the Minutes of Synod to aid in the payment of publishing of the Minutes.

RAILROAD PERMITS.

On motion the President and Stated Clerk were instructed to secure reduced railroad rates for Clerical and lay delegates to the next meeting of Synod.

EXCUSED.

The Special Committee, on "Leave of Absence" at this Synod, reported that Elder T. O. Hines was excused on Friday evening, and Elders Rauch and Idle after Saturday evening.

D. S. FOUSE, *Chairman.*

On motion Rev. J. Walbach and Elder were excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

BLANKS.

Resolved. That the Statistical Blanks adopted by General Synod shall be used by the congregations to the Classes and that Classes be requested to furnish Congregations with said blanks.

STANDING ORDER.

Resolved. That it be a standing order for the Treasurer to

pay the salary of the Stated Clerk at such time during the year when the funds in the treasury justify him to do so.

ARTICLE XXI.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Synod will convene in general Convention at Forreston Illinois, October 24th, 1889 at 7:30 P. M.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The following Resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved. That this Synod hereby expresses its sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of St. John's Reformed Church of Tipton Iowa, and other citizens for the kind hospitality extended to, and enjoyed by us during our sessions in their midst.

Resolved. That the pastor loci be, and is hereby, requested to read this action from the pulpit, and have the same published in the papers of Tipton.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synodical Roll was called and quorum present. Absent without asking to be excused. Rev. Wm. M. Andrews; Rev. Daniel Lantz, D. D.; Rev. John Kercher; Rev. J. F. Butler; Rev. E. F. Shorer; Rev. D. J. Greenwald; Rev. Sigfried Thomas; Rev. F. H. Keller; Rev. A. R. Holshouser; and Rev. S. A. Alt.

Resolved. That when the Synod adjourns finally it be to meet in the Reformed Church, of Forreston, Illinois, on Thursday evening October 24th, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock.

The next meeting will be in general Convention.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Synod adjourned finally on Monday Afternoon, October 29th, A. D. 1888, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and, the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

H. BAIR, *President.*

T. F. STAUFFER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

T. F. STAUFFER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORT—ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Baptisms.		Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Contributions.														Minutes—English.	
			Adults.	Infants.			Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
Henry Bair	Forreston.	2	115	45	20	12	4	106	7					2	2	140		\$ 185 00	\$ 877 00	9	Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Illinois. Mich. Illinois. Illinois.	
Geo. P. Hartzel	Orangeville	4	137	48	4	2	4	97	3					2	4	96		91 00	630 00	16		
L. Runkel	Dakota.	4	60	42	1	1	3	60					5	3	4	90	1	91 00	1426 00	8		
Geo. E. Metzger	Astoria.	2	102	94	5	3	16	87						2	2	115		210 00	1020 00	10		
Robt. F. Oplinger	Mt. Zion.	2	128	80	8	4	2	128						2	2	120		40 00	600 00	4		
Joshua Wolbaugh	Altamont	2	62	42	5	1	1	56	1					2	1	60		25 00	150 56	8		
Wm. M. Andrews	Shelby	1	37	38		7		32						1	4	300		41 00	715 00	20		
Joseph Seehler	Anna.	4	193	160	1	6	3	193						1	2	73		19 00	200 00	10		
Daniel Lautz D. D.	Damascus	1	49	33	4			21														Mich. Illinois. Illinois.
Saml. Mease D. D.	Without Charge																					
John Kercher	"																					
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POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Forreston, Ogle Co., Illinois.
 Orangeville, Illinois.
 Dakota, Illinois.
 Summum, Illinois.
 Grove City, Illinois.
 Altamont, Illinois.
 Shelbyville, Illinois.
 Anna, Illinois.
 Lena, Mich.
 White Pigeon, Illinois.
 Chicago, Illinois.
 La Rose, Illinois.

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Confirmed By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes—English.					
					Infants.	Adults.								Benefolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.						
F. C. Bauman.....	Harmony	2	110	90	21	1	6	...	100	15	6	2	80	1	85	375	25	Zwingler, Dubuque Co.	Iowa.		
D. S. Fouse.....	Lisbon	2	90	60	4	11	20	6	88	6	2	1	110	1	155	625	25	Lisbon, Linn Co.	Iowa.		
D. G. Gurley.....	Tipton	1	64	30	1	...	...	6	57	...	1	60	...	...	39	1600	25	Tipton, Iowa.	Iowa.
J. F. Butler.....	Pleasant Valley	1	68	38	10	3	11	3	60	3	2	...	...	...	33	160	20	Inogene, Iowa.	Iowa.
S. Ream.....	Liscomb	2	45	6	...	...	5	1	29	3	2	105	...	...	29	400	25	Leighton, Iowa.	Iowa.
D. K. Fulcason.....	Leighton	1	45	3	...	6	9	7	30	2	1	33	...	...	63	412	25	St. Louis City, Iowa.	Iowa.
Frank Wetzel.....	St. Louis City	2	25	41	7	...	...	25	25	...	1	50	...	...	10	75	20	Monticello, Iowa.	Iowa.
*Geo. Rettig.....	Columbus Junction	2	89	50	1	...	...	1	80	5	1	80	...	...	50	350	25	Lyons, Iowa.	Iowa.
*John Naillo.....	Conneville, Vacant	2	160	70	4	23	28	10	100	5	1	1	...	...	50	250	25	...	Iowa.
*J. R. Lewis.....	Maquoketa, Vacant	3	69	50	5	...	2	2	50	4	1	...	...	...	50	200	25	...	Iowa.
*W. A. From.....	Willton, Vacant	1	48	19	19	2	2	2	40	3	...	...	...	...	50	200	25	...	Iowa.
	Boulder, Vacant.....	2	75	40	2	2	3	1	60	2	...	...	...	...	50	200	25	...	Iowa.
		21	888	497	57	48	87	63	719	43	18	9	790	2	381	4642	275				

*Without Charge.
†Dismissed from Classis.
‡Vacant.

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CHARGES.

MINISTERS.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconformed.	Baptisms.		Adults	Confirmed	By Profession or Renewal	Communed.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Resure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes—English.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults												Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
*Elias Bauman.	Abilene	2	159	100	2	5	27	21	127	3		4	5	2	180		\$ 84 10	\$ 615 15	30	E. Portland, Oregon.	
T. F. Stauffer.	New Basel.	1	100	105	10	11	11	3	80			13	5	1	100		34 00	360 00	3	Abilene, Kansas.	
Abraham Bollinger.	Holton.	1	19	14				6	13								8 43			Holton, Kansas.	
*Hiram Shumaker.	St. Pauls.	1	53		2				38					1	50		50 00	650 00	10	Kansas City, Mo.	
*E. F. Shorer.																				Twine Creek, Kansas.	
*Sigfried Thomas.																				Bunker Hill, Kansas.	
*D. J. Greenwald.																				Beloit, Kansas.	
*A. G. Lohman.	Zion	1	107	70	8		13		65			3	1	1	68		25 25	300 00	50	Sabetha, Kansas.	
F. H. Keller.	Sabetha	2	65	21					26			1		2	120		3 63	400 00		Wathena, Kansas.	
W. E. Shaley	Bethany	1	87	48					51			1		1	100			600 00		Hiawatha, Kansas.	
	Baker	1	26	12	2									1					40 00		Baker, Kansas.
*St. Johns.		1	17	21	8		3		11								7 00	85 00		Topeka, Kansas.	
		11	633	391	32		5 57	33	411	3		22	13	8	618		312 41	3052 15	108		

*Without Charge.
†Supplied by Rev. A. S. Weber, 2½ months.
‡Last years Statistics.

WICHITA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Adults.	Confirmed by Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes—English.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Allen R. Holshouser.	Without Charge.				4												*		Lyons Rice Co. Kansas.
Dennis B. Shuey	Supt. of Missions	3	64	33	4	2 13	1	57				4	1	1	37			9 00	910 Congress St. Emporia Kansas.
Solomon A. Alt.	Iola	2	99	27	4	3	9	33	91	7	8			2	120	1	†	236 00	Iola Allen Co. Kansas.
John W. Love.	Wichita				1														Wichita Kansas.
Adam S. Weber.	Pres. Wichita Univ.				2														
Amos Casselman.	Lyons	1	50	44	2		10	37						1	46			15 00	Lyons Rice Co. Kansas.
Nicholas Joss.	Osas	1	19	23	2			20					1	1	5			2 00	Osas Rush Co. Kansas.
*Vacant.	St. Pauls Emporia.	1	17	24	1			3	8									4 50	Emporia Kansas.
Total.		8	249	151	18	5 22	47	213	7			12	2	5	208	1		266 50	

†Of this Amount \$100 was contributed to Foreign Missions.
 *Supplied in part by Rev. D. B. Shuey, Supt. of Missions.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

CLASSES.

CLASSES.																		
	Minist'rs	No. of Congregations	Members.	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms.		Confirmed	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-school Scholars	Students for Ministry	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Illinois.....	11	22	883	582	48	.....	35	33	780	11	..	5	15	22	1044	1	607	5758 56
Iowa.....	11	21	888	497	57	48	87	63	719	43	..	18	9	15	790	2	581	4642 00
Kansas.....	10	11	633	391	32	5	51	33	411	3	..	22	13	8	618	....	312	3052 15
Wichita.....	7	8	249	157	18	5	22	47	213	7	..	12	2	9	208	1	266	3003 00
Synod of the Interior..... 4 Classes	39	62	2653	1622	136	58	195	176	2123	64	..	57	39	50	2660	4	1766	16455 71
Synod of the Potomac..... 10 Classes	144	297	31681	19400	1919	252	1547	773	25570	502	5	185	786	269	22066	47	36727	123768 47
Synod of the United States..... 11 Classes	226	465	90651	47463	5791	461	4061	1796	66919	1010	9	801	2636	553	55975	98	69178	379933 00
Synod of Ohio..... 6 Classes	106	233	19460	6284	856	511	1226	795	15674	361	1	141	345	205	18491	21	14087	78983 00
Synod of Pittsburg..... 5 Classes	57	128	13554	9010	883	99	754	488	11047	252	..	257	214	105	8109	17	19197	80795 33
Synod of the North West..... 10 Classes	114	190	16747	12539	1528	23	837	669	11130	164	14	215	389	165	8838	22	11641	71693 00
Synod of the East..... 5 Classes	47	44	12756	8023	2132	17	750	653	9613	63	..	378	428	45	9002	7	5523	71646 00
German Synod..... 4 Classes	80	116	16842	10861	1216	53	908	607	13032	227	17	430	409	106	10232	34	12530	82331 00
Grand Total, 8 Dist Synods;..... 55 Classes	813	1535	194344	115139	14460	1474	10282	5948	155108	2673	46	2763	5246	1498	136282	950	171250	900505 53

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THIRD ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR

—OF THE—

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—IN THE—

UNITED STATES,

—AT—

FORRESTON, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 24th: 1889.

ABILENE, KANSAS.

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THIRD ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Forreston, Illinois, on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of October, in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-nine, and closed the sessions October 27th at 9:30, P. M.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Interior convened in the Reformed Church at Forreston, Illinois, on Thursday, October 24th, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. in general convention, and was opened with a sermon by the Stated Clerk, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, of Abilene, Kansas, taking as the text, I Corinthians 1:17, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel; not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

After the sermon Synod was called to order by the President, Rev. Henry Bair, and opened with prayer by the Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. *Illinois Classis.*

Ministers:—Henry Bair, Geo. P. Hartzel, Joseph Sechler,⁷ Geo. E. Metzger³, Daniel N. Frantz².

Elders:—Ludwick Foy², John F. Brown, Daniel Frantz, P. S. Scheib and Aaron Kostenbader.

II. Iowa Classis.

Ministers:—F. C. Bowman, G. D. Gurley and S. P. Harrington.

Elders:—John Uhler, Jacob Sweinhart and Irwin Idle.

III. Kansas Classis.

Ministers:—T. F. Stauffer, W. E. Shaley and Chas. A. Santee.

IV. Wichita Classis.

Ministers:—D. B. Shuey and J. W. Love.

Elders:—J. Henry Brown.

Advisory Members.

Rev. J. C. Beade, of St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio; Elder Henry Link, of Forreston charge, Illinois; Rev. J. J. Jannett, of Chicago Classis, Synod of the Northwest; Elder W. W. Barnes, of Orangeville charge, Illinois; Elder Geo. Kohl, of Damascus Mission; Elder W. H. Barnds, of Orangeville, charge, Illinois, and Elder C. T. Kleckner, of Dakota charge, Illinois, were invited to seats as advisory members.

Ministers of other Churches.

Rev. G. Zindler, of the Reformed Church in America was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat.

The figures following names show the sessions such member of Synod took his seat.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. D. B. Shuey, President. Emporia, Kansas.

Rev. T. F. Stauffer, is Stated Clerk, Abilene, Kansas.

Rev. W. E. Shaley, Corresponding Secretary, Sabetha, Kansas.

Elder J. H. Brown, Treasurer, box 71, Wichita, Kansas.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was fixed to be the first seven pews of each tier to the front of the Chancel.

Hours of sessions, viz: Meet at 9 o'clock a. m. and 2 p. m. Adjourn at 11:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing Committees:

Religious Services.—Revs. H. Bair, Joseph Sechler and Elder Ludwig Foy.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. Joseph Sechler, Chas. A. Santee and Elder Aaron Kostenbader.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. G. D. Gurley, T. F. Stauffer and Elder J. H. Brown.

Overtures.—Revs. Geo. P. Hartzel, S. P. Harrington and Elder John Uhler.

State of Religion.—Revs. H. Bair, W. E. Shaley and Elder P. S. Scheib.

Nominations.—Revs. J. W. Love, D. N. Frantz and Elder Jacob Swinbart.

Missions.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, F. C. Bauman and Elder John F. Brown.

Finance.—Revs. J. W. Love, Joseph Sechler and Elder Irwin Idle.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. W. E. Shaley, G. D. Gurley and Elder Daniel Frantz.

Publication.—Revs. Chas. A. Santee, G. D. Gurley and Elder J. Henry Brown.

Education.—Revs. Geo. P. Hartzel, W. E. Shaley and Elder J. Henry Brown.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita Classes were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classis.

2. All papers and communications having reference to the business of Synod were referred to the proper Committees.

3. The reports of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions were read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

4. The report of the Board of Beneficiary Education was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

5. The report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University was read and referred to the same Committee.

6. The report of the Board of Orphan Homes was read and adopted.

7. The report of the Board of Sunday Schools was read and referred to Committee on Sunday Schools.

8. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

9. The reports of Treasurers of different Boards were referred to Committee on Finance.

10. The report of the Board of Publication was read and referred to the Committee on Publication.

11. The report of Board of Trustees of Synod was read and adopted.

12. All vacancies occurring upon the different Boards were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

The following named services were observed by Synod during the sessions:

1. All the sessions were opened and closed with devotional service.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows: the report was adopted and attended to in full, viz:

REFORMED CHURCH.

Thursday Evening—At 7:30, the Opening Sermon (at the request of the President, Rev. H. Bair,) by. Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Friday Evening—Services under the direction of the Ladies' Synodical Missionary Society.

Saturday Afternoon—2:30 o'clock, Preparatory Service; Sermon by Rev. J. W. Love. Altar Service, Rev. J. Sechler.

Saturday Evening—Sunday School Convention under the direction of the Sunday School Board as per program.

Sunday—9:30 a. m., Addresses to Sunday School, Revs. S. P. Harrington and T. F. Stauffer. 10:30 a. m., Communion Service; Sermon by Rev. G. D. Gurley; Altar Service, Rev. Geo. P. Hartzel. 2:30 p. m. Children's meeting; Address by Rev. M. Oshikawa, of the Reformed Church, Sendai, Japan. 7:30 p. m., Missionary Meeting under the direction of the Board of Missions. Address by Rev. M. Oshikawa.

Sunday—10:15, Reformed Church in America; Sermon in the German language by Rev. W. E. Shaley.

Sunday—10:30 a. m., Evangelical Lutheran church; Sermon by Rev. Chas. A. Santee.

Sunday—10:30 a. m., M. E. Church; Sermon by Rev. J. C. Beade.

ARTICLE VIII.
MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported during Friday afternoon session. The report was considered item by item and adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Item 1, Page 16. Urges the Board of Beneficiary Education to seek out young men of the Church who are capable and willing to enter the gospel ministry.

Item 2, Page 16. Requests pastors to present the claims of Christ and his Church upon their people in a sermon or otherwise with reference to the ministry, at least once during the year.

Item 3, Page 16. Resolution 3. Requests the Board of Beneficiary Education at once to make efforts to procure funds for beneficiary education.

Item 4, Page 16. Resolution 4. Requests the Board of Beneficiary Education and pastors to call the attention of persons of means to the needs of such a fund and endeavor to procure a special contribution from them.

Item 5, Page 16. Resolution 5. Is the assessment of fifteen cents per member for beneficiary education, and pastors urged to collect the same and send it to the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education as soon as possible.

Item 6, Page 20. Is an action making the month of November, 1888, a jubilee of Missions.

Item 7, Page 20. Suggests that all churches be urged by their pastors and consistories to contribute an average of at least fifty cents per member for Home Missions.

Item 8, Page 26. Suggests that all monies raised for Missions be under direction of this Synod's Board, and that the same, or receipts therefore, pass through the hands of Classical Treasurers into the hands of the Treasurer of this Synod's Board.

Item 9, Page 26. Approves of the organization of Congregational, Classical and Synodical Women's Missionary Societies, and the setting apart of Friday evening of the annual sessions of Synod for a general Missionary meeting under the direction of the Ladies' Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 10, Page 26. Asks the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions to allow Superintendent Rev. D. B. Shney to give his entire time to Mission work, under the direction of the Mission Board of this Synod, and that the Stated Clerk inform the Tri-Synodical Board of this action.

Item 11, Page 26. This Synod elected a Board of Church Erection consisting of five members, with authority to procure a charter, receive in trust any funds that may be given for this purpose, and the wealthy members of the church urged to give large amounts to this worthy cause.

Item 12, Page 27. Instructs the Mission Board of this Synod to urge upon the Tri-Synodic Board and Ohio Synod's Board the great im-

importance of organizing an English Mission in Chicago, promising that this Synod will give it all the help in its power.

Item 13, Page 27. Are resolutions 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Church publications.

Item 14, Page 28. Refers to Sunday Schools, duties of Sunday School Board, etc.

Item 15, Page 34. Enjoins certain duties upon the Stated Clerk.

Item 16, Page 30. Is the assessment upon Classes.

Item 17, Page 34. Instructs the President and Stated Clerk to secure reduced railroad rates to this Synod.

Item 18, Page 33. Requests Iowa Classis to bring to the notice of the M. E. Church, the irregularity of R. R. Lackey.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. SECHLER,	} Committee.
CHAS. A. SANTEE,	
AARON KOSTENBADER,	

The action of Synod upon the report is as follows: Items 1 and 13 adopted. Items 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, 14, 16 and 17 attended to. Items 5, 6, 11, attended to in part. Items 8, 9, attended to in part, and actions of last year reiterated. Item 10 attended to and request granted. Item 15, the Stated Clerk reported duties attended to as far as practical, but found it necessary to make some changes, especially as to publishing of minutes of Synod, issuing 1000 copies instead of 2000. The action was approved. Item 18, no report.

ARTICLE IX.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics submitted their report during Saturday morning session, which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I will herewith submit the report on the State of the Church and Statistics of the Synod of the Interior. The second year of the history of this body is past. A careful reading of the Classical reports of this Synod on the State of the Church, reveals a state of prosperity which calls for an expression of unfeigned thanks and gratitude to Almighty God for his unnumbered blessings vouchsafed to us during the past year.

But some facts in the reports, however, teach us at the same time to temper our rejoicing with humility and a deep sense of our shortcomings. Pastors, in general, have enjoyed good health, so that, without scarcely any interruptions, they have been enabled to attend to their pastoral work during the year.

The death roll among the members, as reported by the respective pastors, is not so large as in the former year. Reports show that the brethren have been abundant in labors, preaching the word of God, catechising and confirming the young, administering the holy sacraments, and nurturing the tender plants in the kingdom of our Lord, is not in vain. God still honors His Church by working through her for the salvation of souls. We hereby cheerfully acknowledge God's blessings upon the labors of his servants, enabling us to report an increase of one charge, four congregations, and an increase in membership of two hundred and forty.

Two new church buildings have been dedicated to the worship of the Trinne God during the year, one at Fairview, in the Sabetha charge, and one at Whitewater, Kansas. Others have been repaired and beautified. Our members have shown an increased spirit of liberality, not only for local and home purposes, but also for mission work.

No doubt but that our Congregational Missionary Societies have been aiding materially in awakening a more liberal spirit in our Churches. We also recognize favorable results from an increased number of church papers taken in our charges. Neither should we forget the faithful labors of our superintendents, teachers and scholars of our Sunday Schools, within the bounds of our Synod, as helpers in the good and glorious work of our Lord. The reports show some facts that we would be glad if they were otherwise. We notice that we have less ministers this year than we had last. Why this is so we cannot account for, as we have need for them, having vacant charges within the bounds of our Synod. Another fact that we will mention here, is that there is too great a difference between the communicant members and those that have communed during the year. These are facts that call for more earnest work and prayer.

May the Great Head of the Church send more laborers into His vineyard, and may He awaken the careless and indifferent to a sense of their need of His grace before it is too late.

We feel, that upon the whole, we have more to encourage than to discourage us. So we will report progress and give God the praise for the innumerable blessings upon our Churches and Colleges within the bounds of this Synod. Respectfully Submitted,

H. BAIR,	} Committee.
W. E. SHALEY,	
P. S. SCHEIB,	

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report during Friday afternoon's session, which was taken up item by item and finally adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Minutes of classes:

To SYNOD OF INTERIOR:—Your Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully offer the following:

We examined the Minutes of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita Classes and find the following items claiming your attention:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Iowa Classis appointed a person Stated Clerk pro tem who was not a member of the body.

2. Wichita Classis met a week before time fixed for annual meeting; also opened a special meeting with but one elder.

3. Kansas Classis held special meeting with but one elder, also changed time and place of annual meeting without special meeting.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED BY SYNOD TO CLASSIS.

4. We find that the Classes adopted all Synod's recommendations.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED BY CLASSES TO SYNOD.

5. Iowa Classis requests Synod to authorize formation of a new Classis, viz:

ACTION OF IOWA CLASSIS ASKING SYNOD FOR NEW CLASSES.

WHEREAS, An English Mission has been organized at Lincoln, Neb., and the Board of Missions has taken it under its care by appropriating the amount needed for a pastory; and

WHEREAS, Rev. S. Mease, D. D., who now resides in Beatrice, Neb., and Rev. E. Erb in Lincoln, Neb., both of whom are English ministers; and

WHEREAS, Rev. F. W. Stump, in Dakota, is anxious to unite with an English Classis; and

WHEREAS, The Pleasant Valley and Sioux City Missions are far removed from the remainder of Iowa Classis; therefore be it

Resolved, That Iowa Classis dismisses the Pleasant Valley and Sioux City charges for the purpose of forming a new Classis in the territory above indicated, this dismissal to take effect so soon as Synod shall authorize the organization of this new Classis;

Resolved, That the Synod of the Interior is hereby requested to authorize the organization of this new Classis at Lincoln, Neb., at as early a date as possible;

Resolved, That we suggest the territory west of 95° of longitude from Greenwich, in Iowa, with Nebraska and South Dakota to constitute this new Classis.

6. Illinois Classis requests Synod to sanction restoration of Rev. Kroh to the gospel ministry. See page 24 Minutes of Illinois Classis.

IV. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

7. Illinois Classis dismissed Rev. S. L. Runkle to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio; turned Rev. Wm. M. Andrews over to Westmoreland Classis for discipline from which he obtained a fraudulent dismissal; licensed D. M. Frantz to the gospel ministry and appointed a committee to ordain and install him.

Iowa Classis received Rev. S. P. Harrington from Lutheran Synod of Kansas; Rev. J. H. Buser from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio; licentiate Geo. C. Erb from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.

Wichita Classis dismissed Rev. A. R. Holshouser to North Carolina Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. S. A. Alt to St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio; received Rev. J. R. Skinner from St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio; Prof. E. L. Kemp from Lehigh Classis, Synod of U. S.

V. ANNUAL MEETING.

8. *Illinois Classis*—Meets at St. John's church, Anna charge, Illinois, May 21st, 1890, at 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. Bair, President; Rev. G. E. Metger, Stated Clerk.

Iowa Classis—Meets at Lisbon, Iowa, on the last Wednesday in September, 1890, at 7:30 p. m., Rev. S. Ream, President; Rev. G. D. Gurley, Stated Clerk.

Kansas Classis—Meets in Grace Reformed church, Abilene, Kansas, May 1st, 1890, at 8 o'clock p. m., Rev. A. G. Lohman, President; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Wichita Classis—Meets at Whitewater, Kansas, April 24th, 1890, at 8 o'clock p. m., Rev. A. Casselman, President; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

G. D. GURLEY,	} Committee.
T. F. STAUFFER,	
J. H. BROWN,	

Items 1, 4, 7, 8, adopted.

Items 2, 3, adopted and the irregularities approved as per requests.

Item 5, adopted, and the time fixed to be April 10th, 1890, 8 o'clock p. m.; place Lincoln, Nebraska; Rev. F. Wetzel to preach the opening sermon and preside at the organization.

Item 6. Upon this item the yeas and nays were called. Yeas—Ministers: Geo. P. Hartzel, Joseph Sechler and D. N. Frantz; Elders: Ludwick Foy, J. F. Brown, Daniel Frantz, P. S. Sheib and Aaron Kostenbader—9. Nays—Ministers: Geo. E. Metger, T. C. Bauman, G. D. Gurley, T. F. Stauffer, W. E. Shaley and J. W. Love; Elders: John Uhler, Jacob Sweinhart and Irwin Hilde—9. *Non Equit*—Ministers: H. Bair, S. P. Harrington, Chas. A. Santee and D. B. Shuey; Elders: J. H. Brown—5. The item not being approved the Stated Clerk was instructed to inform the President of Illinois Classis, that Synod does not accede to the request of Classis.

ARTICLE XI.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report at intervals, was voted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following named papers have been placed in their hands:

Item 1. A communication from Rev. Jacob Dahlman, informing Synod concerning the visit of Rev. Oshikawa.

Item 2. A communication from Rev. S. S. Miller, containing,

(a) A report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

- (b) A circular appeal for aid for the same society.
- (c) A copy of the charter and by-laws of the society.

Item 3. A letter from Rev. Rufus M. Miller, enclosing the following papers referring to the "Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip:"

- (a) A statement from Executive Council.
- (b) Constitution.
- (c) Manual.
- (d) Proceedings of first convention.

Item 4. A communication from A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, containing resolution of the Board.

Item 5. An explanatory statement of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 6. Secretary's report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 7. A catalogue of Wichita University for 1889-90.

Item 8. Communications from brethren asking Synod to excuse on account of absence as follows: (a) Rev. S. Ream. (b) Rev. J. T. Butler. (c) Rev. Hiram Shumaker. (d) Rev. S. Mease, D. D. (e) Rev. A. Casselman.

Item 9. A communication from Rev. A. G. Lohman asking to be excused and containing a number of suggestions to Synod in reference to Orphan Homes and the several Boards of the Synod.

Item 10. A communication from Rev. Frank Wetzel, asking to be excused for absence at the meeting of Synod and calling the attention of Synod to the action of Iowa Classis in reference to the organization of a new Classis.

Item 11. Rev. Joshua Wolbach asks Synod to excuse him and his Elder, G. W. Poorman, for absence.

Item 12. Is a request of Rev. D. K. Fulcason to be excused from attendance at Synod.

Item 13. A communication from the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, submitting the constitution of the Society for the approval of Synod. Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. P. HARTZEL, Chairman.

Items 1, 4, 5 and 6 referred to the Committee on Missions.

Items 2 and 3 referred to a special Committee, viz: Revs. J. W. Love, S. P. Harrington and Elder Irwin Idle.

Item 7 referred to Committee on Education.

Item 8 Rev. S. Ream, J. F. Butler, H. Shumaker, S. Mease, D. D., and A. Casselman excused.

Item 9 Rev. A. G. Lohman excused, and his suggestions referred to the several Boards to which they relate.

Item 10, Rev. F. Wetzel excused.

Item 11, Rev. J. Wolbach and Elder G. W. Poorman excused.

Item 12, Rev. D. K. Fulcason excused.

Item 13, the constitution and by-laws of the W. S. M. Society approved. See constitution and by-laws in proceedings of the Society.

ARTICLE XII.

EDUCATION.

Three documents were presented to Synod relating to education, viz: Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education; the second annual report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, and a catalogue of Wichita University. These documents were referred to the Standing Committee on Education, and the items in them referring to finance were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. Subsequently the standing committee reported and their report was adopted.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

This Board, as constituted by the last Synod, had fondly hoped to accomplish something tangible during the present year. The Synod last year voted that five cents per member should be raised for this purpose. By some error, either clerical or typographical, the printed minutes of Synod called for 15 cents per member. Many pastors no doubt thought this was asking too much, and therefore raised nothing. Only two charges, viz: Liscomb, Iowa, and Orangeville charge, Illinois, raised the 15 cents per member and placed it into our treasury. As our treasurer's report will show, only a few charges paid anything, and the rest either from want of appreciating the proper necessity, or from negligence, contributed nothing.

We have had pressing applications during the past year for help by excellent young men, who look forward to the gospel ministry, but on account of the lack of funds the Board did not feel able to vote an appropriation to anyone. We ask the Synod to apportion 10 cents a member for this purpose and urge all charges to raise at least that amount. For the 2,600 members this will give us \$260 to use.

The Board is perfecting a plan to carry on the work of beneficiary education, so that the funds of the Church shall be sacredly protected, viz: in requiring a young man to be under the care of one of the Classes to which an annual report must be made and approved by Classis, and the applicant to give a bond with approved security, so that in the event the student fails to enter the ministry, or having entered does not continue in it for ten years, for any reason whatever, except sickness or death, he shall refund all monies received with interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

The term of Elder L. H. Diehl will expire with this meeting and the Synod is requested to fill the vacancy.

Submitted by the Board, D. B. SHUEY, President.

WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

The Board of Trustees of Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States, would hereby submit its second annual report to the Synod of the Interior, under whose care the institution has been placed. The second year's work opened on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 1889, with an increased number of students. During the first year 128 students were enrolled; of this number 58 belonged to the Literary department. The others took instruction in music and art.

Although it is now but the beginning of the college year, nevertheless 58 students are now enrolled in the Literary department. Among the new students entered this fall the majority are of much higher grade than we had last year. We now have both the Sophomore and Freshman classes in the Collegiate department in operation. This brings us farther into the field of literature for which purpose this institution was established. We have also added a Business department, which was in operation a part of the first year, which promises to be quite a successful feature of the institution.

In the past the great drawback to a larger number of students was the want of street railway facilities. Happily this difficulty will soon be overcome. By petition the city graded one of its streets to the University campus, and the track is now being laid, and in a very short time cars will be run up to the building. Much credit is due Prof. Kemp and J. Henry Brown, who, in our difficulty, hauled the students from the street-car line to the institution and return every day gratuitously.

The patrons of the school are much pleased with the first year's work, and declare that great progress was made in the training of the students in a literary point of view. Our professors and teachers have given good satisfaction. We are constrained to increase our teaching force on account of the increased number of students. We have nine instructors: five in the Literary, two in the Music, one in the Business and one in the Art departments, respectively.

The endowment fund of \$15,000 is fully paid into the treasury, and most of it is now on interest, secured by first mortgages on real estate. During the year \$15,000 insurance was placed on the building. We are on a good financial basis, provided the balance of the building fund will be paid, and we believe it is collectable.

We ask Synod to co-operate with us in securing a larger number of students, especially such as have the ministry in view, who are so much needed in the Mission work. We also need more furniture for the building. An additional endowment fund of \$15,000 or \$20,000 would add largely to our success.

The term of the following members of the Board of Trustees will expire Nov. 1st, 1889: Rev. S. A. Alt, R. M. Jack and C. S. Eicholtz. The Synod is asked to fill these vacancies, and for this purpose the Board submits the following nominations: J. W. Keefer, George P. Neiman, D. S. Stover and R. M. Jack from the Reformed Church; A. A. Hyde and C. S. Eicholtz, of citizens of Wichita.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President of the Board.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee would respectfully report. But three documents were placed in our hands: The second annual report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, and the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education, and a catalogue of Wichita University.

We would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That Synod urges upon the Church through her ministers and elders, especially upon men of means, the great need of still further endowment of at least \$15,000;

Resolved, That in view of the fact that there are now young men within the bounds of this Synod who have the ministry in view, and yet have not the means to secure an education, Synod establish an Educational Fund, and to this end, for the current Synodical year, we urge that an apportionment of ten cents be made upon each communicant member within the bounds of Synod, the same to be paid not later than the next annual meetings of the several Classes.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. P. HARTZEL,	} Committee.
W. E. SHALEY,	
J. H. BROWN,	

Rev. J. W. Love, having been appointed a special committee to frame an action with special reference to Wichita University, offered the following which was adopted:

This Synod learns with pleasure of the progress and bright prospects of Wichita University. We realize that to properly meet the wants of the Church in the great West, we must educate our young in our own institutions. We believe that this new educational enterprise should have the fostering care of this entire Synod and that our young people who desire an education cannot do better than avail themselves of the advantages it affords. We, therefore, urge upon all who have in view to prepare for business, or professional life, to consider the claims of, and, if possible, to patronize this school. We further commend it to our Churches as worthy of their moral and pecuniary aid, as a means of great usefulness to Church and State.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; an explanatory letter from the same Board; the report of the Superintendent of Synod's Board of Home Missions, and items 1, 5 and 6 from the report of the Committee on Overtures, were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The Committee presented their report during Saturday's forenoon session, was considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR:

Dear Brethren:—In presenting this, our second annual report, to this Synod, we would first of all acknowledge the goodness of God, in blessing His servants in His vineyard and prospering the labors of our hands. We are called upon to thank God also for His rich blessings upon the States occupied by this Synod.

This is pre-eminently a Missionary Synod, many of the charges being Missions now, while others were Missions in former years. Illinois Classis has but two Missions, Lena and Altamont, both under

the General Synod's Board. Iowa Classis has but three pastorates that are not Missions. Its Missions are Lisbon, Imogene, Liscomb, Leighton, Sioux City, Boulder, Maquoketa and Wilton, all of which are under the Tri-Synodic Board. One of these, Lisbon, is vacant, by its pastor, Rev. D. S. Fouse, having entered upon the responsible position of Superintendent of Missions of the General Synod's Board. Kansas Classis has two self-supporting charges. The rest are Missions, viz: Abilene, Holton, Kansas City, Topeka, Baker and Wathena. Abilene and Kansas City belong to the Tri-Synodic Board. Topeka and Holton are vacant. Wichita Classis is entirely made up of Missions. Iola and Wichita belong to the Tri-Synod Board. Lyons to General Synod's Board. Otis and Whitewater to this Synod's Board. Emporia is vacant.

All these Missions have made steady progress, externally and internally. Even under financial depressions they have continued in building or repairing churches. The accessions in membership has not been very large in any case, but the field is being prepared and the seed sown for a harvest in the near future.

Otis, in Rush county, Kansas, is the first Mission cared for by this Synod's Board, and has received aid about a year and a half. The pastor, Rev. Nicholas Joss, has been very self-denying in his labors and suffered many inconveniences, under the circumstances in which he was placed, being without a proper place to stay and obliged to board himself, hardly any other one would have remained in the field. By an appeal to the Church at large funds were raised and a parsonage erected in Otis for his use. At the completion of this building he realized more than ever that it was not good for man to be alone, and hence took unto himself a life companion, one whom he had known in far off Switzerland.

Your Superintendent purchased two lots in Otis, for thirty dollars, or rather by paying for one received one gratuitously. Upon one of these the parsonage has been erected, reserving the corner lot for a church. These lots have been deeded to the Synod of the Interior. The work in this Mission has been greatly hindered by some of the best families moving still further west, having become discouraged in Rush county, on account of failure of crops. This year the wheat harvest was excellent.

Whitewater, Butler county, Kansas, is a new Mission. A fine church has been erected and paid for though the Mission has but nine members. The audiences are large and it is hoped large additions will be made to the membership during the coming year, now that we have a place of worship. A year ago we held our services in the open air. Afterwards in the school house that was too small for comfort. A Missionary Society has been organized and now has upwards of forty members. Lately, by action of Classis, Cheney and Whitewater have been united and Prof. E. L. Kemp elected as the pastor of the new charge. The prospects are very hopeful for this Mission.

The Board appropriates \$200 to Otis and \$50 to Whitewater (for supply service) per annum. Since July 1st, 1889, we have been able to meet all our obligations and have a handsome surplus in our treasury. On account of the many places pleading for help in establishing Missions, the Synod is respectfully urged to contribute the full amount of 50 cents per member for the work in this Synod.

A new Mission is about being organized at Wells, Ottawa county, Kansas. Lately six persons were received by confirmation after having studied the whole catechism. The holy communion was also celebrated. In the Lyons, Kansas, charge a new congregation was also lately organized. We would call attention to Omaha and Beatrice, Nebraska, and Chicago, Illinois, as places where our Church should speedily find a home. We are gratified that the newly organized Mission at Lincoln, Neb., has been provided for by the other Mission Boards. We also rejoice that a new Classis is contemplated, which will greatly add to the efficiency of carrying on the work of Missions, and also more firmly establish the work of the Synod of the Interior.

We hereby remind the Synod that the term of Rev. D. S. Fouse, as a member of this Board, will expire with this session, and the Synod is called upon to fill the vacancy.

The Board requests that the Synod elect its different Boards early in the sessions so that the Boards can properly organize before the close of the Synod, and that names of the officers be published in the Minutes of the Synod.

Respectfully Submitted to the Synod of the Interior by the Board,
D. B. SHUEY, Superintendent.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:

The Committee on Missions have carefully examined the reports of the Board of Foreign Missions, and of the Board of this Synod, together with items 1, 5 and 6 from report of Committee on Overtures. We are pleased to note the prosperity of the Foreign Mission work. What is being done by the Board is to be highly commended.

The Board has been fortunate in the choice of workers for our foreign field, and deserves the confidence and liberal support of the entire Reformed Church in the United States.

In connection with the report, an explanatory letter came into our hands. This letter has bearing upon the unfortunate relation existing between the Board and our first foreign Missionary, Rev. A. D. Gring.

In view of the facts contained in the report of the Board, we propose the following action:

Resolved. That this Synod appreciates the self-denial and efficient labors of all our Missionaries in the foreign field. That we manifest our interest in the great cause by hereby commending the cause to the liberality of our Churches, and, further, we hereby pledge ourselves as ministers and elders of this Synod, to do all we can in aid of this sacred cause by the giving of our means and influence, urging the membership of all our Churches to unite with us in doing all we can, in spreading the Kingdom of our dear Redeemer among the heathen. And, further, we urge the holding of special Missionary services by the pastors in the charges and missions in this Synod, at least once during the year, at such time as in their wisdom will secure the best results.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the presence of Rev. M. Oshikawa in the interest of our foreign work, that we contribute ten dollars towards his traveling expenses, and an order in his favor be drawn on the Treasurer for that amount.

Resolved, That Rev. M. Oshikawa be requested to address the Sunday School on Sunday at 2:30 p. m., and also deliver an address at the Missionary meeting on Sunday evening.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the Board of Home Missions is replete with increasing interest upon this subject, so dear to every member of this Synod. With pleasure we note the progress of all the Missions directly and indirectly under the supervision of the Board.

While this Synod is pre-eminently a Missionary Synod, it is, nevertheless, a large factor in the progress of the time-honored Reformed Church, noted for her ecumenical symbol of faith, and saving doctrines of salvation by Jesus Christ. As a Synod we are profoundly grateful to the other Mission Boards for timely aid and sympathy in our cause.

We gladly note the widening of our field, and our possible ability of entering upon the work in new and highly important points, where success seems doubly assured, and greatest good to be accomplished.

We heartily appreciate what has been done, and cannot be too grateful to our older Synods who have so generously aided us in our work of love.

We rejoice in the substantial and effective interest taken on the part of the women of the Church in this great cause.

We also rejoice in the growing interest in the unity of action on the part of the different Boards, and the increasing desire to bring all of the Home Missionary operations under the care of General Synod's Board at such time as will insure the best results of the cause.

In view of all the facts before us, we suggest the reiteration of items 1, 2 and 6 of last year's action.

(a) That Congregations and Classes not having organized Ladies' Missionary Societies as yet, be urged to do so at the earliest possible date.

(b) That Friday evening of next annual sessions be devoted to the interests of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of this Synod.

(c) That the Missionary meeting of Sunday evening be under the direction of the Board of Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, }
F. C. BAUMAN, * } Committee.
J. F. BROWN, }

ARTICLE XIV.

PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication presented their annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Publication. The Committee subsequently reported, their report and that of the Board being adopted.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication would hereby report that no business claimed our attention during the past year, and, therefore, nothing was done except to organize the Board.

A. G. LOHMAN, President.

D. B. SHUEY, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your Committee would report as follows:

No communications claiming our attention were placed in our hands.

We would, however, reiterate the action of last year, urging the use of Sunday School helps prepared by the Board of the General Synod; the patronizing of the publication houses of the Reformed Church, and the more general circulation of the Church papers.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. A. SANTEE, }
G. D. GURLEY, } Committee.
J. H. BROWN, }

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Board of Sunday School Work presented their report during Saturday's forenoon session, which was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. The Committee subsequently reported and the report adopted.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR:

The Board of Sunday School Work, organized immediately after the adjournment of last annual meeting of Synod by electing Rev. T. F. Stauffer, President; Rev. W. E. Shaley, Secretary, and Rev. Geo. E. Metger, Treasurer.

Agreeably to the direction of Synod, the Board prepared a programme, had the same printed and distributed thirty days before this

meeting of Synod, the convention to be conducted by the Chairman of the Board.

In view of the importance of Sunday School work, the Board asks Synod to reiterate its entire action upon the subject, at last annual meeting of Synod.

Through the kindness of Rev. G. W. Remagan, editor of the Hiawatha Journal, 300 copies of the programme were printed free of charge.

The term of Rev. S. Mease, D. D., expires with this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully report, that nothing except the report of the Board of Sunday School Work has been handed to us.

We would lay the following resolutions before Synod for their consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That we are pleased that the Board has been active and that a programme has been prepared.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod reiterate its entire action upon this subject, at last annual meeting of Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod gratefully appreciates the generosity of Rev. G. W. Remagan, editor of the Hiawatha Journal, for printing 300 copies of the programme free of charge.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod urges the organization of Classical Sunday School conventions, and a Synodical convention; convention to be provided for by the Board and held in connection with annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. E. SHALEY,	} Committee.
G. D. GURLEY,	
DANIEL FRANTZ,	

[NOTE—Owing to the reports from Sunday Schools being so imperfect, and in some cases not agreeing with columns on Sunday Schools in statistics of Classes, the reports have been omitted in the published minutes. At an early day, Sunday School blank reports will be sent out by the Stated Clerk, so that by next meeting of Synod a complete report of the Sunday Schools can be made.—STATED CLERK.]

ARTICLE XVI.

ORPHAN HOMES.

The following report was presented by the Board of Orphan Homes which was adopted:

The Board of Orphan Homes held no meetings during the year. No documents came into our hands, except the published reports of the Boards of Directors of our several Church Orphan Homes. From these we are pleased to note the prosperity of our several Homes.

One orphan boy from this Synod was placed in the Home at Fort Wayne, Ind., July 16th, 1889, where he was welcomed and is being kindly cared for. In view of these facts, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as a Synod we rejoice in the continued prosperity of our Church Orphan Homes, and again commend them to our Churches for that liberal support they so much need.

Resolved, That the pastors of the several charges within bounds of Synod, are hereby instructed to present the Orphan cause to their Churches at such time during the year as they may deem best.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVII.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education, and the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod were presented to Synod and referred to the Committee on Finance to be audited. The items of six cents per member, for contingent expenses; ten cents per member, for beneficiary education, and fifty cents per member, for missions, were referred to the same committee for apportionment. The Committee subsequently reported as follows, and the report adopted:

(A)

REPORT OF J. W. LOVE, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY BOARD, SYNOD OF INTERIOR.

Wichita Classis.

October 30, 1888, Cheney congregation per Rev. J. W. Love.....\$1 00

Iowa Classis.

March 5, 1889, Liscomb charge, per Rev. S. Ream.....\$4 35

May 7, 1889, Orangeville charge, Illinois Classis, per Rev. Geo. F. Hartzel..... 7 00

May 31, 1889, Zwingli charge, Iowa Classis, per Rev. I. F. Bowman..... 5 00

Astoria charge, Illinois Classis, per Rev. Geo. E. Metger..... 1 75

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. LOVE.

D. B. SHUEY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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Oct. 29, 1888,	Tipton congregation, per Rev. D. S. Fouse, treasurer of Iowa Classis.	\$ 14 33
Jan. 10, 1889,	Hiawatha congregation, per Rev. A. G. Lohman, pastor	6 25
Feb. 6,	Rev. F. H. Keller, treasurer of Kansas Classis.	27 10
Mch. 23,	New Basel congregation, per Rev. A. Bolliger, pastor	12 00
"	Wathena congregation, per Rev. F. H. Keller, pastor.	4 00
April 15,	Illinois Classis, per Rev. J. Sechler, treas., to Brown, treas.	15 00
" 21,	Whitewater, Kansas, per Rev. D. B. Shuey.	2 59
" 30,	Hiawatha, Kas., per Rev. A. G. Lohman	10 00
" 30,	S. S., per Rev. A. G. Lohman	2 00
" 30,	Baker, Kas., per Rev. A. G. Lohman.	6 60
May 6,	Iola charge, per Rev. S. A. Alt	16 75
" 6,	Wichita congregation, per Rev. J. W. Love.	12 53
" 19,	Fairview, Kas., per Rev. W. E. Shaley.	6 62
" 19,	Zions congregation, per Rev. W. E. Shaley	6 62
" 19,	Ladies' Missionary convention of Kansas Classis	2 15
" 21,	Tipton, Ia., per Rev. D. S. Fouse, treasurer of Iowa Classis	5 00
" 24,	Ladies' Missionary convention of Illinois Classis	8 11
" 25,	society of Forreston, Ill.	6 00
July 1	Oranville charge, per Rev. J. Sechler, treasurer of Classis.	12 74
Aug. 27,	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler to Brown, treasurer of Synod	91 00
Sept. 28,	Rev. D. S. Fouse, treasurer, from Lisbon, Ia.	75 00
" 29,	Wells, Kas., per Rev. D. B. Shuey.	2 55
Oct. 8,	Damascus Missionary society, per J. Sechler.	15 00
" 8,	Lyons, Kas., per Rev. A. Casselman	8 88
" 8,	Maquoketa, Ia., per Rev. G. D. Gurley, treasurer of Classis	8 61
" 8,	Missionary Society of Kansas City, per Rev. C. A. Santee.	8 11
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Oct. 25, 1888,	Balance due the treasurer at last report	\$ 6 57
Nov. 8,	Rev. Nicholas Joss, salary Otis Missionary.	10 00
" 21,	" " " "	10 00
Feb. 1,	" " " "	10 00
Mch. 23,	" " " to April 1st.	25 00
April 27,	" " " "	10 00
May 6,	" " " to July 1st.	15 00
July 2,	" " " "	10 00
Sept. 28,	Rev. D. S. Fouse, receipt	50 00
" 28,	per Wetzel, receipt for Sioux City.	10 00
" 30,	Three months salary to Whitewater for supply.	12 50
Oct. 7,	Rev. N. Joss salary to Sept. 30.	30 00
" 19,	Balance in the treasury	175 97
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NOTE—Illinois Classis contributed \$147.85 or 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per member; Iowa Classis contributed \$108.14 or 12 1-5 cents per member; Kansas Classis contributed \$109.33 or 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per member; Wichita Classis contributed \$71.32 or 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member. The above amounts include missions and parsonage funds. Much, however, was contributed for missions which did not pass through the hands of the Treasurer, else the above percentage would be much larger.

D. B. SHUEY, Treasurer.

(B)

D. B. SHUEY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH OTIS PARSONAGE.

DR.

Dec.	8,	1888,	Louis Kriemer	\$ 5 00
"	8,	"	Louis F. Kraemer	5 00
"	24,	"	St John's church, Nazareth, Pa., per Rev. T. O. Stem.	15 25
Jan.	3,	1889,	From L.—	5 00
"	4,	"	Leesport Missionary society.	8 10
"	9,	"	Belleville, Pa., Sunday School	10 00
"	15,	"	Samuel Benner	5 00
"	17,	"	Becker S. S., St. Michael's charge	5 00
Feb.	1,	"	J. F. Dieffenbacher	5 00
"	6,	"	Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher	5 00
"	6,	"	Miss Anna C. Dieffenbacher	1 00
"	6,	"	Wathena, Kas., per Rev. F. H. Keller	18 60
"	18,	"	B. Schmidt	20 00
"	18,	"	Etha M. Knepper	1 00
"	18,	"	N. B. Schmidt	5 00
"	18,	"	J. R. Hilbush and family	3 00
"	18,	"	Berlin, Pa., Missionary society	10 00
"	18,	"	C. M. Bower, Esq.	5 00
"	25,	"	Ladies of 2d church, Reading, Pa.	57 00
Mar.	4,	"	Emma Houck	11 00
"	6,	"	Mrs. B. Wolf, Jr.	10 00
"	14,	"	Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier	5 00
"	18,	"	S. R. Behler	3 00
"	21,	"	Rohrerstown Missionary society	10 00
"	22,	"	Salem's church, Allentown	10 00
Mar.	26,	1889,	Heller Missionary society	15 00
April	4,	"	2d church, Greensburg, Pa.	10 00
"	10,	"	New Providence, Pa., Missionary society	5 00
"	15,	"	Liscomb, Iowa, Missionary society	5 00
"	24,	"	New Goshenhoppen, Pa., congregation	20 00
"	24,	"	Great Swamp, Pa., congregation	10 00
July	6,	"	Ladies' Missionary society of Phil. Classis	25 00
Aug.	31,	"	Collected in La Crosse, Kas., by D. B. Shuey	21 00
Oct.	7,	"	"	4 00
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				\$352 95

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May	1,	1889,	J. A. Harris, agent for two lots in Otis, Kansas	\$ 30 00
"	7,	"	Lake Superior Lumber Co.	180 00
"	31,	"	Hain & Forney, hardware	12 00
June	18,	"	C. G. Gertz contractor	40 00
Aug.	31,	"	H. Brack's bill sundries	4 23
Oct.	7,	"	Lake Superior Lumber Co. in full	25 90
"	7,	"	C. G. Gertz, contractor	40 00
"	19,	"	Balance in the treasury	20 82
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				\$352 95

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Treasurer.

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Treasurer's report, Synod of the Interior, for the past Synodical year:

J. HENRY BROWN, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

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To balance from last year	\$ 3 85
Iowa Classis	53 28
Illinois Classis	52 98
Wichita Classis	14 94
Kansas Classis	37 98
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Total	\$163 03

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By cash paid to T. F. Stauffer, salary for 1887	\$ 27 34
" " mailing minutes	24 47
" " for printing tickets	1 00
" " for printing and mailing minutes, 1888	46 87
" " Stated Clerk, T. F. Stauffer for 1889	35 00
To balance in hands of treasurer	28 35
Total	\$134 68

J. HENRY BROWN, Treasurer.

(D)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance would offer as their report the following:

We have examined the reports of the Treasurers of the Board of Missions, of Beneficiary Education and of Synod's Treasurer, with vouchers, and find them correct, with balances in their respective treasuries, to-wit:

Board of Missions	\$175 97
Board of Beneficiary Education	19 10
Treasury of Synod	28 35

To meet current expenses, provide for beneficiary education, and the Missionary work of this Synod, it will be necessary to apportion upon the several Classes the following amounts:

Illinois Classis.

Current expenses per member	@ 6 cents	\$ 53 00
Beneficiary Education, per member	@ 10 "	88 00
Home Missions, per member	@ 50 "	441 50

Iowa Classis.

Current expenses, per member	@ 6 cents	\$ 53 00
Beneficiary Education, per member	@ 10 "	88 00
Home Missions, per member	@ 50 "	442 00

Kansas Classis.

Current expenses, per member	@ 6 cents	\$ 38 00
Beneficiary Education, per member	@ 10 "	63 00
Home Missions, per member	@ 50 "	\$316 50

Wichita Classis.

Current expenses, per member	@ 6 cents	\$ 15 00
Beneficiary Education, per member	@ 10 "	25 00
Home Missions, per member	@ 50 "	125 00

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. LOVE,
JOSEPH SECHLER, { Committee.
IRWIN IDLE,

ARTICLE XVIII.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

During the afternoon session on Friday the Board of Trustees offered the following report, which was adopted:

The Board of Trustees of the Synod would report that the Otis parsonage property has been deeded to this Synod. It consists of two lots and a one and one-half story dwelling house, 16x24 feet.

This is the first property owned by the Synod.

The term of Rev. F. H. Keller expires with this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

ARTICLE XIX.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report during Friday morning session. The report was adopted and the Committee instructed to have 100 tickets printed for use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day for Saturday afternoon session, immediately after preparatory service. The Committee reported finally and the election took place at the time appointed by Synod, with the following results. We here give the full Boards with terms of service. The names of the newly-elected members are indicated by a star. We also give the officers of each Board so far as reported to us by the different Boards, and their postoffice address:

Board of Missions—*Rev. Chas. A. Santee, 5 years; Rev. H. Bair, 4 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 3 years; Rev. Joseph Sechler, 2 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 1 year. Rev. H. Bair, President, Forreston, Illinois; Rev. Joseph Sechler, Secretary, Lena, Illinois; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treasurer, Emporia, Kansas.

Beneficiary Education—*Elder Geo. W. Betz, 5 years; Rev. G. D. Gurley, 4 years; Rev. J. W. Love, 3 years; Rev. F. Wetzel, 2 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 1 year. Rev. D. B. Shuey, President, Emporia, Kansas; Rev. G. D. Gurley, Secretary, Tipton, Iowa; Rev. J. W. Love, Treasurer, Wichita, Kansas.

Board of Publication—*Rev. Geo. P. Hartzel, 5 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 4 years; Rev. A. G. Lohman, 3 years; Rev. D. S. Fouse, 2 years; Elder J. Uhler, 1 year. Rev. Geo. P. Hartzel, President, Orangeville, Illinois; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Secretary, Emporia, Kansas; Elder John Uhler, Treasurer, Lisbon, Iowa.

Board of Orphan Homes—*Elder J. F. Brown, 5 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 4 years; Rev. S. L. Runkle, 3 years; Rev. A. G. Lohman, 2 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 1 year. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, President, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Board of Sunday School Work—*Elder Jacob Sweinhart, 5 years; Elder J. Miller, 4 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 3 years; Rev. G. E. Metger, 2 years; Rev. W. E. Shaley, 1 year. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, President, Lincoln, Nebraska; Rev. W. E. Shaley, Secretary, Sabetha, Kansas; Rev. Geo. E. Metger, Treasurer, Summit, Illinois.

Board of Trustees of Synod—*Rev. G. D. Gurley, 5 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 4 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 3 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 2 years; Rev. H. Bair, 1 year. Rev. D. B. Shuey, President, Emporia, Kansas; Rev. A. Casselman, Secretary, Lyons, Kansas; Elder J. Henry Brown, Treasurer, Wichita, Kansas.

Trustees of Wichita University—*Jacob W. Keefer, Geo. P. Neiman and A. A. Hyde, each 5 years.

Board of Church Erection—*Rev. F. Wetzel, 5 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 4 years; Rev. A. G. Lohman, 3 years; Rev. D. S. Fouse, 2 years; Rev. H. Bair, 1 year.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following special and miscellaneous resolutions were adopted by Synod at different times during the sessions:

SYMPATHY.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary is hereby directed to write a letter to Rev. S. Mease, D. D., expressive of the sympathy of this Synod with him in the hour of his affliction.

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved, That space be granted in the published Minutes of Synod for the minutes of the W. S. M. society, and the same be published at the expense of Synod.

TREASURER INSTRUCTED.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay all bills for publishing Minutes of Synod and other necessary expenses, after being approved by a majority of the Trustees of Synod.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee on items referring to society for the "Relief of Ministers and their Widows," and the "Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip" report the following:

Your Committee, to whom was referred papers and appeals from the society for the "Relief of Ministers and their Widows," together with the communication from the "Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip," would offer the following for your adoption:

First. We believe it to be a first duty of the Churches to provide for the comfort of our worn-out ministers and widows of ministers left without income. It would be a sin against heaven, and a disgrace to our profession of christianity, not to minister to the temporal necessities and comfort of these, Christ's needy poor, who have given the best energies of their lives to the holy cause of ministering to the spiritual necessities and comfort of Christ's spiritually poor; therefore

Resolved, That we heartily commend the cause of the society above referred to, to the liberal support of our people, and hereby direct that a collection be taken in all our congregations for this most worthy charity during the ensuing Synodical year.

Second. This Synod has heard with much pleasure of the organization and progress of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip as a means of engaging young men in christian work. Though most of our Churches are as yet small, and hence contain a comparatively limited

number of young men, we are in hearty sympathy with the objects of the association, and earnestly recommend, whenever practical, to organize a chapter of the Brotherhood, believing that it will be a very efficient help in building up congregations, and of developing "the social and fraternal intercourse of young men throughout the Church."

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. LOVE,	} Committee,
S. P. HARRINGTON,	
IRWIN IDLE,	

THANKS.

Resolved, That Synod tenders its hearty thanks to the members of Forreton charge for their cordial and bountiful hospitality to us while in their midst, and invokes upon pastor and people the blessing of the Triune God.

Resolved, That this action be read by the pastor from the pulpit at next regular morning service.

INTEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The traffic in intoxicating drinks is one of our greatest evils, the source of all kinds of vice, crime, poverty, suffering and shame; demoralizing and hindering the honorable administration of our government and preventing the just execution of the laws upon our statute books; therefore

Resolved, 1st, That we, uncompromisingly, express our opposition to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and that we use every lawful means to bring about its entire prohibition and extermination.

Resolved, 2nd, That we give our influence in favor of the enactment of laws and constitutional amendments which will entirely suppress and, if possible, forever prohibit this evil.

Resolved, 3d, That we recommend that our ministers, within the bounds of this Synod, preach at least one sermon on the subject of temperance within this coming Synodical year.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, Many otherwise good christian people are addicted to Sunday visiting and patronize Sunday excursions and thus become stumbling blocks to others and encourage those who profane this holy day; therefore

Resolved, That our members are earnestly requested to keep this day holy, and to use all proper means to prevent the profanation of the Lord's day, and that each pastor preach a special sermon on this subject in this incoming year.

WHEREAS, There is a national association whose object is to secure a better observance of the Lord's day by national and state legislation, preventing compulsory labor on, and affording opportunity for rest and religious observances on that day, and

WHEREAS, Most of the states of the Union have similar state and county auxiliary organizations, therefore

Resolved, That these organizations have our hearty approval, and that we recommend our people to favor the movement to restrain the greed of corporations and employers from depriving working people of

the right and privilege of spending the first day of the week with their families, of attending church, and improving themselves morally and spiritually.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to publish 1000 copies of the Minutes of Synod; also granted the permission to secure, if possible, suitable advertisements in aid of publishing the minutes.

WICHITA UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OF N. ILLINOIS.

Two pages of the published minutes were granted to the use of Wichita University for advertising purposes, and one page to the use of the College of Northern Illinois.

EXCUSED

The following named members of Synod were excused for absence, viz: Rev. G. E. Metger, for absence at Thursday and Friday's sessions; Elder J. Wichy, Sabetha charge; Elder G. W. Miller, Maquoketa charge; Elder G. W. Betz, Abilene, and Elder S. Hersh, St. Pauls, Kansas City, Mo., for absence at this meeting.

ARTICLE XXI.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Synod will convene in general convention in Brown Memorial Reformed Church, Wichita, Kansas, in October, 1890, at 8 o'clock p. m., the date of the meeting being left to the discretion of the officers of Synod, who shall give sixty days notice thereof.

ARTICLE XXII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synodical roll was called and all present except those excused.

Minutes were read and approved. Adjourned finally on Sunday evening, October 27th, 1889, after the close of the Missionary meeting. to meet in Wichita, Kansas, as per action of Synod.

The sessions were closed by the Synod rising and joining in the Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Long Meter Doxology and the benediction pronounced by the President.

D. B. SHUEY, President.

T. F. STAUFFER, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

T. F. STAUFFER, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT.—ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	BAPTISMS.										Contributions.				P. O. ADDRESS.
		No. of congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfrmed.	Infants.	Adults.	(Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	(Commenced.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.
Henry Bair.	Forreston.	123	45	8	8	3	104	29 134	774 00	963 00	50 18	Forreston, Illinois.				
George P. Hartzell.	Orangeville.	133	69	14	5	3	401	18 110	192 00	619 00	50 17	Orangeville, "				
George E. Metger.	Dakota.	63	35	3	1	3	51	8 85	280 00	800 00	30 12	"				
Daniel N. Frantz.	Astoria.	113	92	6	1	14	192	10 80	61 00	528 00	40 17	Summit, Ill.				
Joshua Wolbach.	Mt. Zion.	131	81	4	1	1	126	33 125	35 00	450 00	30	Grove City, "				
	Altamont.	75	31	3			66	1 10 80	35 00	225 00	25	Altamont, "				
	Shelby.	1	33	4		1	25	1 62	30 00	115 00	15	"				
	Anna.	1	33	4			3	8 66			50	Lena, Ill.				
Joseph Sechler.	Damascus.	4	163	160	5	12	45	11 150	70 00	200 00	20	White Pigeon, Mich.				
Daniel Lantz, D. D.,	Without Charge.	58	30				2				5	Beatrice, Ill.				
Samuel Wease, D. D.,												LaRose.				
John Kercher.	Superannuated.															
Total.		933	938	514	39	30	9 613	9 7 9 21 117 892	\$1507 00	\$ 900 00	300 77					

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CLERGY.	Baptisms.												Contributions.				P. O. ADDRESS.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	(Commenced.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.			
F. C. Bauman,	Harmony,	146	76	24	26	47	6	121	9	4	1	1	100	1	\$71 00	\$702 00	10	Zwingli, Iowa.	
G. D. Gurley,	Lisbon,	100	40	3	8	10	1	99	1	1	1	1	90	1	167 00	675 00	25	Tipton,	
J. F. Butler,	Pleasant Valley,	64	35	3	1	4	3	63	2	6	1	1	50	1	50 00	800 00	20	Imogene,	
S. Ream,	Liscomb,	1	76	8	1	1	3	68	1	1	1	1	35	1	55 00	210 00	15	Liscomb,	
D. K. Fuleason,	Boulder,	45	5	1	1	1	1	31	1	2	1	1	91	1	79 00	735 00	15	Central City,	
Frank Wetzel,	Sioux City,	77	41	3	4	9	10	36	1	1	1	1	63	1	50 00	680 00	25	Sioux City,	
J. H. Buser,	Leighton,	1	39	1	1	1	4	36	2	1	1	1	91	1	70 00	1082 00	15	Leighton,	
Geo. C. Erb,	Wilton,	1	47	20	1	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	63	1	43 00	228 00	10	Wilton,	
S. P. Harrington,	Conceville,*	1	117	73	3	8	1	90	1	1	1	1	125	1	25 00	389 00	10	Maquoketa	
J. Naille,	Columbus Junction,	75	59	1	1	1	2	50	2	1	1	1	70	1	15 00	376 00	8	Lyons,	
Geo. Bettig,	Maquoketa,	61	65	1	1	1	1	36	1	1	1	1	177	1	18 00	241 00	35	Monticello,	
D. S. Fouse,		21	880	506	47	85	37	716	21	10	7	18	2	973	2	\$607 00	\$6221 00	203	Lydon,
Total,	12																		

Served by Rev. J. C. Heady

KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms.										Contributions.										P. O. ADDRESS.
		No. of congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	(Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.			
Elias Bauman.	Ablene.	2	108	108	2	2	12	9	13	10	1	5	2	25	185	55 28	508 91	50 20	Lincoln, Nebraska.			
T. F. Stauffer.	New Basil.	1	101	103	2	2	5	5	75	75	1	1	1	95	95	34 56	375 00	25 15	New Basil, Kansas.			
Abraham Bolliger.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Holton.
Hiram Shumaker.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Twin Creek.
E. F. Shore.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Beloit.
D. J. Greenwald.	Bethany.	1	76	50	2	3	12	15	63	2 36	1	1	1	72	72	155 00	663 00	25	Blawatha.			
A. G. Lohman.	Zion.	1	106	73	9	3	18	33	72	1	1	1	1	56	56	41 00	320 00	25 14	Wathena.			
F. H. Keller.	Sabetha.	2	102	80	11	3	18	33	73	4	1	2	131	131	1	7 00	2788 97	25	Sabetha.			
W. E. Shaley.	Baker.	1	48	40	6	2	22	22	40	10	2	2	1	1	1	8 00	60 00	15	Baker.			
.....	St. John's.	1	17	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	25 00	15	Topeka.
.....	Holton.	1	17	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Holton.
C. A. Lantee.	St. Paul's.	1	45	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 40	102 68	40 5	Kansas City, Mo., 1326 Jefferson St.)
Total.	9	11	608	448	11	8	47	71	400	21	14	11	8	33	579	\$ 335 18	\$ 4935 59	205 56				

Without charges.

† Supplied by Rev. A. G. Lohman.

Supplied by Rev. D. B. Shaley.

WICHITA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms.					Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.			Minutes of Synod. Church Papers.		
		No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
D. B. Shuey.	Supt. of Mis. of Synod.	3	68	41	6	9	1	3	4	60	1	2	3	3	9	67	60	30	40	5	Emporia, Kansas.	
S. A. Alt.*	Iola.	3	105	89	9	1	1	17	80	8	4	1	2	16	135	2	18	73	\$ 450	00	Iola.	
J. W. Love.	Wichita.	2	63	40	4	9	2	8	53	2	1	1	2	15	100	1	81	41	1927	00	Wichita.	
A. Casselman.	Lyons.	1	44	75	3	3	40	4	2	2	2	30	1	2	2	30	34	44	273	80	Lyons.	
Nich. Joss.	Otis.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	00	87	62	Otis.	
Varant.	Emporia.	1	9	10	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	00	825	00	Emporia, Kansas.	
Sup'd by Supt. of Mis.	Whitewater.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	00	825	00	Iola.	
J. R. Skinner.	Ap'd to Iola Oct. 1, '89.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	00	825	00	Wichita.	
Licentiate E. L. Kemp†	Prest. Wichita Univ'ty	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	00	825	00	Wichita, Kansas.	
Total.	6 Ministers.	11	289	225	24	11	6	32	242	17	9	4	10	46	332	2	\$ 202	88	\$ 3363	51	155	40
	6 Charges.																					

* Dismissed to St. Joseph Classis, October 8th, 1889.

† No report.

* Accepted call to the Cheney and Whitewater Charge, October 8th, 1889.

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CLASSES.	No. of Classes.	Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Members.		Members Unconfirmed.	Baptism.		Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Renure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		
				Infants.	Adults.		Infants.	Adults.												Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Illinois Classis,	23	9	23	938	544		39	20	58	6	613	9	9	7	9	21	110	892	1	\$	1507 00	\$ 3900 00
Iowa Classis,	12	21	21	886	306		47	45	87	37	746	10	10	10	18	199	973	1	62	607 00	62 4 00	
Kansas Classis,	9	14	14	680	448		4	8	47	71	490	24	24	8	33	33	579	1	1933 50	335 18	1933 50	
Wichita Classis,	6	11	11	289	205		24	11	6	32	242	17	17	6	1	10	46	332	1	202	3563 51	155 40
Total,	4	36	66	2733	1703		151	84	196	149	1961	71	71	70	31	57	288	2776	6	\$	2712 06	\$ 8621 10
SYNODS.																						
Eastern Synod,	11	236	465	84210	46653		5976	512	4153	2015	67593	1066	3	783	2474	556	1125	56647	108	71435 01	314982 00	
Synod of Ohio,	6	111	234	19748	6054		662	551	1213	709	15769	477	3	718	318	203	2554	19019	28	12713 00	59914 00	
Synod of Northwest,	10	123	201	17472	13626		1637	31	987	1011	9381	156	20	366	435	107		9009	22	12194 00	83463 00	
Synod of Pittsburgh,	5	64	131	11092	5514		789	82	657	472	1072	347	3	111	234	111		8587	14	11711 00	63003 00	
Synod of the Potomac,	10	112	298	32310	18966		1890	262	1636	857	26603	645	11	313	766	268		22864	61	32231 00	131063 00	
German Synod of East,	5	48	48	12640	7947		2308	19	783	600	9998	104	4	350	501	44		9950	12	9571 00	83580 00	
Central Synod,	4	74	114	17233	10051		1183	53	834	745	12641	268	11	406	335	107		10444	34	9513 00	95637 00	
Grand total,	55	831	1551	290498	112486		11605	1594	10739	6561	155118	3074	55	3117	5107	1513	3967	132116	285	\$162078 00	\$74053 00	

First and Preliminary Meeting.

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

ARTICLE I.

The delegates of the different auxiliary societies within the bounds of the Synod, met at the residence of Mrs. Rev. H. Bair, Forreston, Ills., October 25th, 1889, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a Synodical Missionary society.

Rev. H. Bair opened the meeting with devotional service.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES.

Forreston, Illinois—Mrs. H. Bair, Mrs. F. Stahley, Mrs. F. F. Nicodemus.

Damascus, Illinois—Mrs. Joseph Sechler, Miss Clara Phillips, Miss Lizzie Kostenbader.

Orangeville, Illinois—Miss Ada Frybarger, Miss Della Schrack.

Dakota, Illinois—Mrs. Schmeltzer, Mrs. McHose, Miss Hannah Glasser, Miss Artie C. Smith.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Mrs. J. J. Jannet, of Freeport, Ills., being present was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION.

The organization resulted as follows: Mrs. Rev. H. Bair, President; Mrs. Rev. J. Sechler, Vice-President; Miss Artie C. Smith, Recording Secretary; Miss Ada Frybarger, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Schmeltzer, Treasurer; Miss Clara Phillips, Editress.

ARTICLE III.

Constitution and By-Laws were adopted as follows:

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this society shall be to awaken and maintain interest in Missions, to diffuse Missionary intelligence, to secure regular contributions for the support of Home and Foreign Missions in the Reformed Church; also to aid in the formation of Woman's Missionary societies in congregations within the bounds of the Synod of the Interior wherever they do not exist.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

This society shall consist of one (or more) women delegates from each of the various Missionary societies within the bounds of the Synod of the Interior, who shall serve during the Synodical year.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall consist of a President, vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Edithess, who shall be elected for one year, and shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers. The officers, together with six members of the society, elected at the annual meeting, shall form an Executive Committee who shall meet annually, or at the call of the President. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V.—QUORUM.

Members representing at least five congregations, shall constitute a quorum at any annual meeting, and shall be competent to decide any question that shall come before the society.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The society shall meet annually in connection with Synod at an hour and place previously appointed, or otherwise directed by Synod. The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting. The President may at any time call a special meeting. All meetings shall be opened with religious services.

ARTICLE VII.—DISPOSITION OF MONEY.

The Treasurer shall pay all monies received by her, according to the purposes for which they are collected, and report the same to the Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.—BY-LAWS.

By-laws in accordance with the Constitution may be adopted by this society to meet any wants not herein provided for.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be changed or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of votes, provided said change be presented in writing to the Executive Committee at a meeting no less than one month previous to its consideration.

BY-LAWS.

1. The election of officers shall take place at the close of the morning meeting of the annual session, and immediately after the ad-

journment of the afternoon session, the new Executive Committee shall convene for the transaction of business.

2. The annual meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held in connection with the meeting of Synod, at which meeting the work of the society shall be determined upon.

ARTICLE IV.

Executive Committee was appointed as follows: The officers of the society, Misses Kostenbader, Schrack, Glasser, Lebo and Mrs. Stakly and Mrs. John Brown.

ARTICLE V.

The different societies represented, made verbal reports. Mrs. Rev. T. F. Stauffer sent in an excellent report from "The Daughters of the King" Mission society, Grace Mission, Abilene, Kas., of which she is president. These reports show a growing interest and effective work in behalf of the Missionary cause.

ARTICLE VI.

The first public meeting of the society was held in the Reformed Church, Forrester, Ills., at 7:30 p. m., Oct. 25, 1889.

The meeting was opened by Rev. G. D. Gurley leading in devotional service. The President, Mrs. Rev. H. Bair, presided. The roll was called and each delegate responded in repeating a passage of Scripture. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The President, Mrs. Bair, in a pleasing and graceful address welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Rev. Joseph Sechler responded to the address of welcome in brief and well chosen words.

ARTICLE VII.

Well-prepared papers upon Mission topics were read by Mrs. Sechler, Miss Ada Frybarger and Mrs. F. F. Nicodemus.

A selection was read by Miss Artie C. Smith. Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. D. N. Frantz, delivered interesting addresses.

A collection amounting to \$11.92 was lifted and donated to the Sioux City Mission.

The church choir rendered excellent help in leading the praise service.

ARTICLE VIII.

The society adjourned to meet on Friday evening of next annual sessions of Synod, at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Bauman, of Iowa, pronounced the benediction.

MRS. REV. H. BAIR, President.

MISS ARTIE C. SMITH, Secretary.

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Page 29. Under the head of Ministers, read Samuel Mease, D. D. for Samuel Wease, D. D., and P. O. Beatrice, Nebraska, instead of Beatrice, Ill.

Page 30. Under the head of Ministers, read Geo. Rettig, for Geo. Bettig.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR

OF THE



REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES

AT

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FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior convened in general convention in Brown Memorial Church, Wichita, Kansas, in the Month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety. The Sessions began on the evening of the sixteenth and continued until the afternoon of the twentieth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod met according to adjournment in Brown Memorial Church, Wichita, Kansas, on Thursday, October 16th, A. D., 1890, at 7:30 P. M. The session was opened with religious service, and the sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. D. B. Shuey, from 1 Cor. 13; 13, "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

After the sermon the President called Synod to order, and it was formally opened with prayer. The provisional roll of Synod was called and a quorum found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers:—Joseph Sechler, H. Bair, D. N. Frantz.

Elders:—P. S. Scheib, A. T. Korf, P. C. Moyer, A. Kostenbader.

2. IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—D. S. Fouse, G. D. Gurley, S. Ream, S. P. Harrington, F. M. Shultz.
Elders.:—John Bell.

3. KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—A. Bolliger, A. G. Lohman, C. A. Santee, A. S. Dechant.
Elders.:—Reuben Hæffner, Fred Isley.

4. WICHITA CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—D. B. Shuey, J. W. Love, A. Casselman, E. L. Kemp, W. E. Shaley.
Elders.:—J. H. Brown, J. M. Root, M. Remsberg, Thomas Eilert.

5. LINCOLN CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—S. Mease, D. D., T. F. Stauffer, Edmund Erb, M. L. Firor, J. F. Butler.
Elders.:—H. Retelsdorf.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio.—Rev. J. C. Beade.
East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod.—Rev. G. W. Remagen.
Kansas Classis.—Elder J. W. Kieffer.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. C. Eberhart, of the German M. E. Church; Rev. L. T. VanCleave, of the Central Christian Church; Rev. S. B. Fleming, Superintendent Missions for Presbyterian Church in Kansas; Revs. S. L. Hamilton, W. I. Doole and L. H. Shaw, of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. S. Mease, D. D., Beatrice, Neb., *President*.
Rev. G. D. Gurley, Tipton, Iowa, *Stated Clerk*.
Rev. F. M. Shultz, Lisbon, Iowa, *Corresponding Secretary*.
Elder J. Henry Brown, Wichita, Kansas, *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod dispensed with the reading of the Rules of Order.

The whole of the Lecture Room was taken within the Bar of the House.

The hours for meeting were fixed at 9 A. M., and 2 P. M.; for adjourning at 11:30 A. M., and 4:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. W. Love, E. L. Kemp, Elder J. H. Brown.
Minutes of Synod.—Revs. H. Bair, A. S. Dechant, Elder A. Kostenbader.
Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. J. Sechler, A. L. Dechant, Elder J. H. Brown.
Minutes of Classis.—Revs. S. Ream, W. E. Shaley, Elder H. Retelsdorf.
Overtures.—Revs. J. F. Butler, D. N. Frantz, Elder Thos. Eilert.
State of Religion.—Revs. D. B. Shuey, J. Sechler, Elder F. Isley.
Missions.—Revs. M. L. Firor T. F. Stauffer, Elder M. Remsburg.
Finance.—Revs. E. Erb, D. N. Frantz, Elder P. C. Moyer.
Sunday Schools.—Revs. S. P. Harrington, F. M. Shultz, Elder P. S. Sheib.
Publication.—Revs. D. S. Fouse, T. F. Stauffer, Elder J. M. Root.
Nominations.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, A. G. Lohman, Elder A. T. Korf.
Education.—Revs. A. Casselman, A. Bolliger, Elder J. Bell.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of General Synod, Synod of Interior, Minutes of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Nebraska Classes were received and passed to the proper Committees.
 2. The Reports of Synod's Boards.
 3. Report of Superintendent of Missions and report of Treasurer of Synod.
 4. Report of Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions.
 5. Plan of Unification from Board of Home Missions of General Synod.
 6. Communications from General Synod's Board of Home Missions in regard to supporting mission work among the Hungarians in the United States.
 7. A number of other papers were received and passed into the hands of Committee on Overtures.
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ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Minutes of the General Synod, at Lebanon, for the year

1890 were referred to the standing committee on the same. The committee submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES GENERAL SYNOD.

To the Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod would report as follows. We have carefully examined the minutes and find the following items of business claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, page 57. Requests the District Boards of Home Missions to unite with the General Board to raise the necessary funds for the support of the missions under the General Board.

Item 2, page 57. Refers to starting of new missions by the District Synod's boards.

Item 3, page 64. Recommends the necessity of system in securing means to carry on our mission work.

Item 4, page 76. Refers to the transfer of missions and funds from the District Synods.

Item 5, page 79. Urges the Synod to direct the Classes and the Classes the Consistories to bring the cause of missions to the individual member.

Item 6, page 79. Refers to a special Church Building Fund.

Item 7, page 100. Is a request that the District Synods take action so as to bring the cause of foreign missions more prominently before the members of our church.

Item 8, page 121. Refers to the Society for the Relief of Ministers.

Item 9, page 123. Refers to the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, commending the Society to the careful consideration of pastor and people.

Item 10, page 126. Is a request that our Sunday Schools use the Literature issued under the direction of the Board.

Item 11, page 158. Refers to Synod's apportionment for contingent expenses of General Synod.

Item 12, page 158. Directs where the money for Harbor Missions is to be paid.

Item 13, page 158. General Synod directs where the apportionment for contingent expenses is to be paid in.

Item 14, page 162. General Synod commends to all congregations within its bounds to observe the service of weekly prayer-meetings.

Item 15, page 169. Time and place of next meeting of General Synod.

Item 16, page 120. Urges Synods to continue their contributions to the orphan homes.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH SECHLER,
ABNER S. DECHANT,
J. HENRY BROWN.

The action of Synod on the report is as follows: Items 3, 5 15 and 16 adopted; items 1, 2 and 4 referred to Committee on Missions; items 6 and 11, referred to Committee on Finance; item 7 adopted and referred to the Classes for action; item 8 referred to Committee on Society for Relief of Ministers; items 9 and 12, adopted and attention of pastors and people called to it; item 10, referred to Committee on Sunday Schools; item 13 adopted and treasurer directed to pay all our contingent this year if possible; item 14, adopted and attention of Classes called to it. The report was adopted as a whole.

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

The minutes of last year were referred to the standing committee, which submitted the following report:

The Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Interior begs leave to submit the following report:

Item 1, page 7. Suggests that all monies for missions be under direction of this Synod's Board.

Item 2, page 7. Approves of the organization of congregational, classical and synodical Woman's Missionary Societies.

Item 3, page 11. Authorizes the organization of Lincoln Classis.

Item 4, page 18. Urges the organization of Ladies Missionary Societies.

Item 5, page 19. Urges the patronizing of the Publication Houses of the Reformed Church.

Item 6, page 29. Is resolutions 1, 2 and 4 on Sunday Schools.

Item 7, page 21. Pastors shall present the orphan cause.

Item 8, page 26. The corresponding secretary is directed to write a letter of sympathy to Rev. S. Mease, D. D.

Item 9, page 26. Space shall be given in Minutes of Synod for minutes of the W. S. M. Society.

Item 10, page 26. Instruction to treasurer.

Item 11, page 26. Commends the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their widows.

Item 12, page 27. Earnestly recommends the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Item 13, page 27. Is resolutions 1, 2 and 3 on Intemperance.

Item 14, page 27. Pastors shall preach a special sermon on Sabbath Observance.

Item 15, page 27. Approves the National Association for the better observance of the Lord's Day.

Item 16, page 28. Stated Clerk shall publish 1,000 copies of Minutes of Synod, etc.

Item 17, page 28. Advertisements for Wichita University and the College of Northern Illinois.

Item 18, page 28. Time and place of meeting of the Synod of the Interior.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. BAIR, Chairman,
A. L. DECHANT,
AARON KOSTENBADER,
Committee.

The action on the items of the report is: Items 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 18, adopted; items 3, 4 and 6, laid on the table until the Committee on Classes reported and were found attended to; item 11, referred to Committee on Society for Relief of Ministers; items 8, 9, 16 and 17, attended to; item 15, reiterated and Stated Clerk directed to insert in Minutes. The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures offered the following report which was received and taken up by items:

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

We beg leave to report. Several communications have been placed in our hands:

Item 1. Communications from Revs. Geo. P. Hartzell, of Orangeville, Ill., Joshua Wolbach, of Altamont, Ill., and F. C. Bauman, of Zwingle, Iowa, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

Item 2. Report from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions (Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Pottsville, Pa.) to the Synod of the Interior.

Item 3. An appeal in behalf of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed church in the United States, through Rev. Simon S. Miller, Boonesboro, Md., Treasurer of the Society.

Item 4. A number of printed reports from the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed church in the United States including the period from June 1st, 1887, to May 22d, 1890, and asking that they be put where they will do the most good.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. BUTLER,
D. N. FRANTZ,
Committee.

The action of the Synod upon the different items is: Item 1, granted; item 2, referred to Committee on Missions; items 3 and 4, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Sechler and Santee, and Elder A. Kostenbader. The report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of Synod were opened with a half hour of devotional service and closed with devotions also.

The Committee on Religious Services reported at different times during the sessions of Synod. The full and final report as offered and adopted is:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to offer the following as their report:

REFORMED CHURCH.

Friday Evening.—Woman's Missionary Society; devotional services by Revs. Jos. Sechler and A. S. Dechant.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services; sermon by Rev. G. D. Gurley; Altar Service by Rev. C. A. Santee.

Saturday Evening.—Sunday School Convention, presided over by Rev. J. C. Beade.

Sunday Morning.—Altar Service by Rev. E. Erb; communion sermon by Rev. S. Mease, D. D. Sunday School addresses, Revs. F. M. Shultz and C. A. Santee.

Sunday Afternoon.—Address to Y. M. C. A., Rev. A. Casselman.

Sunday Evening.—Synodical Missionary Meeting; address by Revs. M. L. Firor and D. S. Fouse.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Lincoln St. Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. S. P. Harrington.

Dodge Ave. Presbyterian Church.—Evening, Rev. J. C. Beade.

Oak St. Presbyterian Church.—Evening, Rev. A. S. Dechant.

Market St. Christian Church.—Morning, Rev. F. M. Shultz.

Emporia Ave. Baptist Church.—Morning, Rev. S. Ream.

Emporia Ave. M. E. Church.—Morning, Rev. H. Bair.

Emporia Ave. M. E. Church.—Evening, Rev. A. Bolliger.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE,

E. L. KEMP,

J. H. BROWN.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee presented the following report. It was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Classes respectfully report as follows:

We have examined the Minutes of the various Classes and find the following items claiming your attention:

I. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We find that the Classes adopted all Synod's recommendations.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED BY CLASSES TO SYNOD.

1. Wichita Classis refers the Emporia Mission to Synod's Home Missionary Board, requesting those qualified to turn over the property to Synod. (See Minutes, p. 70.)

2. Kansas Classis urges Mission Boards to supply its vacant fields with men and means. (See Min. of Classis, pp. 279 and 280.)

3. Lincoln Classis was organized according to instruction of Synod, at Lincoln, Neb., April 10th, 1890.

4. Lincoln Classis asks Synod to confirm their action in meeting in special session without a quorum.

5. Illinois Classis requests Synod to prepare suitable blanks

for use in Sunday Schools, and suggests the changes to be made.

6. Illinois Classis calls attention of Synod to the omission of the name of Rev. R. F. Oblinger in Synod's statistical report.

III. IRREGULARITIES.

7. Lincoln Classis met in special session without quorum.

IV. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION, DISMISSIONS.

8. Iowa Classis received Rev. F. M. Shultz from Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod; and dismissed Rev. G. C. Erb to Maryland Classis.

9. Lincoln Classis received Rev. Edmond Erb from Nebraska Classis, Synod of the North West, and Rev. M. L. Firor from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac; and dismissed Rev. F. Wetzel to Illinois Classis.

10. Illinois Classis ordained licentiate D. N. Frantz, and dismissed Rev. S. Mease, D. D., to Lincoln Classis.

11. Wichita Classis ordained licentiate E. L. Kemp, and installed him pastor over the Whitewater and Cheney charge; dismissed Rev. J. R. Skinner to the St. Joseph's Classis, Synod of Ohio; and at a special meeting received Rev. W. E. Shaley, from the Kansas Classis.

12. Kansas Classis examined and ordained J. G. Martin to the gospel ministry; dropped the name of Rev. E. F. Shorer from the roll of the ministers, and at a special meeting received licentiate Abner S. Dechant from the Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod, ordained and installed him over the Abilene Mission; and dismissed Rev. W. E. Shaley to Wichita Classis.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

13. Illinois Classis will meet in Buckhart Church, Mt. Zion charge, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M., before full moon, in May, 1891. Rev. G. P. Hartzel, President, Rev. J. Wolbach, Stated Clerk, Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer.

14. Iowa Classis will meet at Brandon, Iowa, the time to be determined by the officers of Classis. Rev. S. Ream, President, Rev. G. D. Gurley, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

15. Kansas Classis will meet in Hiawatha, Kansas, the first Thursday after Whitsunday, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. G. Lohman, President, Rev. C. A. Santee, Stated Clerk.

16. Lincoln Classis will meet in Reformed Church, Sioux City, Iowa, May 21st, 1891, at 8 o'clock P. M. Dr. S. Mease, President, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

17. Wichita Classis will meet at Cheney, Kansas, May 14th.

1891, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. W. Love, President, Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

REV. S. REAM,
W. E. SHALEY,
H. RETELSDORF,
Committee.

The action upon the different parts of the report was as follows: Items under I, III, IV and V adopted. Under II, item 1, was referred to Board of Missions; item 2 attended to; item 3 adopted; item 4 action confirmed; item 5 referred to Committee on Sunday Schools.

ARTICLE XI.

STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS.

By action of Synod the retiring President is chairman of the Committee on Religion and Statistics. The Classical reports on State of Religion are sent him previous to meeting of Synod, and assisted by their information he prepares his report to Synod. It is as follows:

Dear Brethren:

We are profoundly grateful unto the Great Head of the church for His rich blessings and tender mercies unto us His laborers in His vineyard.

The ministerial rank remains unbroken and the lives of all have been spared; even of sickness there was very little, and all were pretty generally able to meet all appointments. Of the elders a few have been called to their eternal home. The death roll of members is not as large as it was a year ago.

From the reports of the different Classes we learn that the preaching of the word has been earnest, the Sacraments were faithfully observed, believers were quickened and the careless warmed, spiritual life and growth have been vigorous, the catechization of the young has not been neglected. Aggressive work has been accomplished in the Sunday Schools. Several members of this Synod were delegates to the International Sunday School convention, held in Pittsburg, Pa., in June last, and hereafter the Reformed church will be represented in the lesson committee.

Young people's meetings, teachers' meetings and prayer meetings, while generally organized in our different congregations, nevertheless could be made vastly more efficient by an increased attendance on the part of the members. The mis-

sionary and benevolent operations, we think, have made perceptible progress in the bounds of the Synod. While in some cases they fall short in these duties, in others commendable progress has been made and in one mission \$1.26 per member was contributed for missions. Considerable progress has been made in the circulation of the church papers, but this matter should be pressed still more until at least one church paper will be found in every family.

We regret that we are compelled to report that distracting influences have been at work, which threatened destruction of one or two congregations, if not of a whole charge. Thus what it required years to build up can in one short year be pulled down again by such disturbers who have invaded our bounds. This could very largely be avoided if we had all our charges supplied with faithful pastors, but where vacancies exist there usually the attack of the enemy is fiercest.

We are proud to record the fact a new Classis has been organized in our bounds. This new Classis comprises territory in three States, yet is small in numbers. We hope it may grow to be a vigorous member of our Synod.

The rule of Synod was not observed by Iowa Classis in sending in its statistics. Hence no comparisons with former years can be made. We would urge upon every Classis to see to it that the statistics of each congregation or charge be full and complete. Let our published statistics be true and complete.

And now, brethren, the labors of another year are passed. Have they come up to our expectations? By earnest devotion to the cause of Christ; by a sincere consecration of our persons and means to the work; by prayer and undoubted faith in success; we shall not be disappointed if we rely on Him who gave himself for us, and whose we are. To Him be praise and glory now and forever more. Amen.

D. B. SHUEY, Chairman,
JOSEPH SECHLER.

(For Statistics see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XII.

MISSIONS.

Report of Synod's Board of Missions:

During the past year the Board has had three meetings, at which we endeavored to consider carefully the interests of the

missions and the mission field in the bounds of this Synod. Two missions, Dakota and Anna, both in Illinois, have been enrolled.

Our finances are in good condition, having been able to pay our missionaries promptly, and a larger balance on hand than last year. But by the additional missions enrolled we need more funds this coming year.

We have examined and adopted both the Superintendent's and Treasurer's reports and hereby submit them to Synod as part of our report.

The term of Rev. D. B. Shuey expires with this meeting of Synod.

H. BAIR, Pres. of Board.

JOSEPH SECHLER, Secretary.

Report of Superintendent of Missions in Synod of Interior:

The lips can but faintly express the gratitude we feel to Almighty God for His marvellous goodness to us, and to all our missionaries during the past year. To Him be unceasing praise.

A year ago we had two missions—Otis and Whitewater. The last annual meeting of Wichita Classis severed Cheney from the Wichita charge and placed it to Whitewater, thus forming the "Cheney and Whitewater charge." Rev. E. L. Kemp is the worthy pastor. He was ordained to this holy office Dec. 1st, 1889. With many self-denials he attended to this pastorate in connection with his arduous labors as President of Wichita University. His appropriation is \$100 for this year.

The Otis mission has been somewhat unfortunate. By different misunderstandings between pastor and people, Rev. Joss felt constraint to resign the charge which took effect April 1st, 1890, and since that time the mission has been vacant. On account of a number of families moving away the mission is unpromising. The Board does not see its way clear at present to make an appropriation for this mission.

Dakota, Illinois, was taken under the Board as a mission, on July 1st, 1890. Rev. F. Wetzel is the missionary, with an appropriation of \$100 for this year, towards which the charge promises its full quota of 50 cents per member to the Board. Although there are four congregations in the charge, there are but sixty-three members. This makes the work heavy upon the pastor. We hope the charge will soon again return to a self-supporting basis.

On account of the distracting influences brought to bear upon the Anna charge, in Illinois, and the heavy loss of membership, the charge is not able to support a pastor at present. The

Board, therefore, enrolled it as a mission with an appropriation of \$200 for this year.

The charge consisted of four congregations. Two excellent church buildings and a parsonage are exclusively owned by the reformed people and are free of debt, viz.: Anna and We-tang. St. Paul is a union church owned jointly by the Reformed and the Lutherans and is also free of debt. The title to the union church, near Anna, is vested in the Reformed. This congregation is small. Their fine property was stolen from them by a band of persons calling themselves Congregationalists, under the leadership of J. H. Lippard, a former pastor of the charge who left the Reformed church while residing at Cheney, Kansas. The Court is asked to annul their fraudulent title.

Wells, in Ottawa county, Kansas, is a new mission organized Dec. 22d, 1889. It consists of fifteen members, six of whom were catechised and confirmed. It is supplied by the Superintendent, and therefore needs no appropriation. It has already paid almost the whole of its classical assessment for Contingent Beneficiary Education and Missions.

Circleville, in Jackson county, Kansas, is a new mission organized Dec. 8th, 1889, and consists of seventeen members. A new church is in process of erection, which we hope to have completed by Christmas. Kansas Classis joined the new mission to the Holton mission. The charge is at present served by the Superintendent of Missions, but will need a regular pastor in the near future.

Emporia, Kansas, mission is vacant but the Superintendent of Missions gives it some pastoral oversight. Preached several times, administered the holy communion, visited the sick and officiated at the funeral of one of the elders.

St. John's, of Topeka, Kansas, is also vacant and received no attention during the past year, except the Superintendent of missions visited all the families belonging to the mission. Not much can be accomplished here until a permanent missionary can be placed in the field.

Altamont and Damascus, in Illinois; Wathena, Baker and Lyons, in Kansas; and lately New Basel and Lincoln, Nebraska, are missions under the care of the General Synod's Board. Wilton, Lisbon, Imogene, Liscomb, Leighton, Sioux City, Boulder and Maquoketa, in Iowa, Kansas City in Missouri, Wichita, Iola and Abilene, in Kansas, are under the Eastern Board. Of these Boulder becomes self-supporting after January 1st, 1891, Wilton receives no further aid and must be at-

tached to some neighboring charge; Imogene will only be continued this year and will then be referred to the Board of this Synod.

While the work does not make the progress we would like to see, yet we have cause for thankfulness that on account of the trying circumstances under which we labor, progress is perceptible and the work, we believe, to be substantial. We pray for God's guidance in the sure path of truth.

Your Superintendent, during the past year, travelled upwards of twenty-two thousand miles in the prosecution of the mission work placed in his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Supt. of Missions.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

D. B. SHUEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions.*

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1889.				
Oct. 19.	Balance on hand at last report,		\$ 175	97
Oct. 26.	Summun, Illinois, per Rev. G. E. Metger,.....	\$	3	05
"	Orangeville, Illinois, charge, per Rev. Hartzell,.....		16	57
"	Missionary Festival, Illi.ois Classis, per Sechler, Treas. .		4	00
Oct. 28.	Woman's Synodical Missionary Society,.....		11	72
"	Forreston, Illinois, Rev. H. Bair.....		14	40
"	Ladies Advance Missionary Society, Forreston, Illinois. .		2	00
"	Zion's congregation, Sabetha charge, per Shaley		5	00
Nov. 5.	New Basil, Kansas, per Rev. A. Bolliger.....			5 67
Dec. 2.	Whitewater, Kansas, per Shuey, Treas. of Classis.....			4 70
Dec.11.	Otis charge, per Rev. N. Joss.....			1 77
1890.				
Mar. 5.	Miss. Soc. Brown Memorial Reformed church, Wichita..			10 00
Apr.12.	Ursinus Congregation Miss. Soc., Sioux City charge.....			20 00
Apr.22.	New Basil cong., per Rev. A. Bolliger			6 45
Apr.24.	Wichita cong., per Rev. J. W. Love			15 00
Apr.27.	Whitewater Missionary Society.....		6	07
"	" " " " for Sendai, Japan.....		5	00
May 5.	Topeka cong., per Santee, Treas. of Classis			78
"	Zion's cong.,Sabetha charge,per Santee, Treas. of Classis		2	45
"	Fairview " " " " " "		2	31
"	Wells, Kansas, Shuey supply " " " "		1	05
"	Woman's Missionary Society, Kansas Classis.....		5	56
June 3.	Imogene, Iowa, per Stauffer, Tr. of Classis.....			10 00
July 1.	Kansas City Miss. Soc., per Santee.....		8	00
"	Missionary Festival of Illinois Classis, Sechler, Treas....		62	21
"	L. H. M. Society, Forreston, Ills., " " " "		11	00
Sept. 1.	Orangeville, Ill., per Sechler, Treas			3 25
Sept. 7.	Abilene, Kansas, per Santee, Tr. of Classis.....		2	54
"	Enterprise, " " " " " "		1	44
				3 98

Sep. 25.	Leighton, Iowa, S. S., per Rev. Buser	5 01	
Sep. 26.	Maquoketa, Iowa, charge, per Rev. Harrington	14 75	
"	Christ church Ladies Miss. Soc., "	4 50	
"	Brandon, Iowa, congregation, per Rev. Falcason	18 16	
"	" Miss. Society, "	3 00	
"	Boulder, Iowa, Congregation, "	18 84	
"	Liscomb, Iowa, " per Rev. Ream	27 00	
"	St. Paul's, Iowa, " "	20 00	106 25
Sep. 29.	Mt. Zion, Illinois, Charge, per Rev. Sechler, Treasurer of Classis	25 25	
"	Orangeville, Ills., " " "	1 00	26 25
Oct. 1.	St. Paul's, Iowa, per Rev. Gurley, Tr. of Classis	5 00	
"	Lone Tree, Iowa " "	5 00	19 00
Oct. 7.	Wells, Kansas, Shuey supply, pastor		5 00
Oct. 13.	Holton, Kansas, " "	2 00	
"	Circleville, Kansas, " "	51	2 51
Apr. 1.	Lisbon, Iowa, per Rev. Fouse		25 00
May 6.	" " "		20 00
June 1.	Orangeville, Ills., "	15 00	
"	Liscomb, Iowa, "	5 00	20 00
July 1.	Tipton, Iowa, "	5 00	
"	Lisbon, Iowa, "	5 00	
"	Miss. Soc., Damascus, Ills., per Rev. Fouse	10 00	
"	Mrs. Jos. Sechlet, "	5 00	25 00
Aug. 1.	Lena, Illinois, "	20 00	
"	Mt. Zion Charge, Illinois, "	15 00	
"	Rev. J. Naille, Iowa Classis, "	5 00	
"	Woman's Missionary Society, Damascus, Illinois, per Rev. Fouse	5 00	
"	Rev. Beam, Dakota, Illinois	5 00	50 0
Oct. 15.	Fairview, Kansas	5 10	
"	West Grove, Illinois	5 00	
"	Rev. H. Bair, Illinois Classis	5 00	
"	L. A. M. Society, Forreston, Ills.	5 00	
"	New Basil, Kansas,	5 84	
"	Rev. D. S. Fouse	10 00	
"	Rev. F. M. Shultz	5 00	
"	Lisbon, Iowa	17 00	
"	Juvenile Society, Tipton, Iowa	5 00	
"	Eli Auten, Tipton, Iowa	15 00	
"	Wichita Miss. Society, Kansas	10 00	
"	Mrs. J. W. Love	10 00	97 04
Oct. 16.	W. M. and A. Society, Kansas City	7 00	
Oct. 17.	W. M. Society of Synod for Circleville	15 00	
Oct. 18.	John Zollinger, Illinois Classis	5 00	
Oct. 19.	Miss. Collection of Synod	35 28	
Total			5873 20

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	Treasurer's Account Book		25
Oct. 22.	W. H. Seibert, Treas. for Sioux City		11 72
Dec. 27.	Rev. A. Casselman, Whitewater Supply	2 60	
"	Rev. D. B. Shuey, " "	6 74	
"	Rev. E. L. Kemp, " "	3 16	12 50
Dec. 31.	Rev. N. Joss, salary.....		36 00
1890.			
Jan. 8.	Rev. N. Joss, salary.....		14 00
Mar. 5.	Rev. E. L. Kemp, salary		12 50
Mar. 22.	Rev. N. Joss, salary in full		50 00
Apr. 12.	Rev. F. Wetzel, for Sioux City		20 00
Apr. 26.	Rev. E. L. Kemp, salary		5 00
Apr. 28.	R. F. Kelker, Treas. for Sendai, Japan.....		5 00
June 3.	W. H. Seibert, Treas. for Imogene.....		10 00
July 5.	Rev. E. L. Kemp, salary		7 50
July 19.	Circleville, for Kansas Classis Woman's Miss. Soc.....		5 56
Sep. 26.	Rev. D. K. Fulcason.....	40 00	
"	Rev. S. Ream	47 00	87 00
Sep. 30.	Rev. F. Wetzel, salary	25 00	
"	Rev. E. L. Kemp, salary	12 50	37 50
Oct. 20.	Rev. D. S. Fouse, General Synod's Board.....	217 94	
"	" " " " ½ of coll.....	17 64	
"	W. H. Seibert, Treas. of Missions.....	20 00	
"	Rev. D. B. Shuey, for Circleville	20 00	
"	W. H. Seibert, Treas., ½ of Miss. collection	17 64	293 22
Oct. 20.	Balance on hand		265 45
Total		\$	873 20

D. B. SHUEY, *Treasurer, in account with Otis Parsonage.*

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Oct. 10.	Balance on hand at last Report.....	\$ 20 82
Dec. 31.	George Moore.....	1 00
Jan. 31, 1890.	Good Work Society, Mt. Zion Charge, Somerset Classis, per C. M. Boush, Treas. Pittsburg Synod	9 92
		<hr/> \$31 74

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Dec. 31.	C. G. Gertz, Contractor, balance in full.....	17 96	
Feb. 4, 1890.	J. A. Harris & Co., Insurance	9 00	
Oct. 13.	Balance on hand.....	4 78	
		<hr/>	\$31 74

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Interior, Reformed Church, United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Another year with its joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, triumphs and defeats, has run its course; and in response to a deep sense of duty we call

upon our souls, and all that is within us, to bless the name of the Lord. The God of Missions has been with us, and we will not forget his benefits.

The progress of the gospel in Japan has not been as perceptible as in previous years, still there is no mission field that shows better results. The proclamation of the new constitution, the failure of the treaty revision, the change of government and the hatred of foreigners, have all combined to unsettle the public mind and to make it less receptive to the gospel. That there has been no serious interference to the work under the political excitement is great cause for special gratitude to God, who maketh even the wrath of men to praise Him.

It must be borne in mind that the Japanese are at present in a transitional period, and it would well nigh be a miracle if the transition from the pagan religion and the ancestral polity to Christianity, were not accompanied by resistance even unto blood. The idea that Japan will be wholly won for Christ is the assertion of the enthusiast. No nation is wholly christian. Perhaps there is no nation so strongly under the power of the gospel as our own native land, and yet, even here, the powers of evil make themselves felt in many ways. Japan will be a christian nation. The cross will overcome the scepter of heathendom in the empire of the east and tower high above the wrecks of time.

The annual reports of the missionaries breathe the spirit of entire consecration to the Master's use. For the information of the reverend Synod, I will insert a few extracts, which portray their labors during the past year.

Rev. J. P. Moore.—As is known, in July of last year, I removed from Yamagata to Sendai, since which time I have labored with the brethren of the mission, teaching several hours a day in the Theological Training School, and as I had opportunity and strength, assisting in the evangelistic work in and around Sendai. I also made several visits to our Tokio stations, preaching and administering the sacraments; and I am happy to say that this part of our work has shown signs of new life since my last report. What I do in the training school is an investment which, I believe, will bear compound interest in the future of our evangelistic operations.

Rev. W. E. Hoy.—Teaching has been my primary work as a missionary. Every Monday evening I teach a Bible class, which meets in my library. I lecture at the congregational prayer meeting on the books of the Bible. Mrs. Hoy teaches a Bible class at our house on Tuesday afternoons. My progress in the

vernacular is just enough to give me confidence, and I am beginning to see how much there is yet to be learned. Humanly speaking, much of our comfort and well-being can be traced to our Board.

Rev. D. B. Schneder.—My work, as you know, has been mainly that of a teacher. This work brings with it little variety of experience, and all that I need record is that the work of teaching young men is becoming dearer to me, and I hope correspondingly more beneficial to the young men in our charge. The Sunday schools under the care of myself and Mrs. Schneder have been prosperous during the year. I preach frequently, partly in Japanese, partly by interpretation.

Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh.—It sometimes happens that when busied, there is least to be said about one's work. Such is the case in regard to my work for the present year. In addition to my class-room work, the oversight of two households the care of ten supported girls, with whom we come in closer and more constant relations than with self-supporting girls, impose a good deal of care upon me. I go into the school room at half past seven every morning and continue on an average of five and a half hours. Allowing three hours for meals and recreation, there remain but three and a half hours between six in the morning and six in the evening in which to look after the housekeeping of both houses, receive accounts and make settlements, attend to visitors, workmen, etc.

Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh.—Apart from my work, my report must be brief. Five hours a day are spent in the schoolroom, where, in addition to my classes in English, I also meet my catechetical class and give lessons on the organ to six girls. My afternoons, when not interrupted by visitors, are given wholly to the language, a knowledge of which seems unattainable as it is necessary. Monday evening is always spent in consultation with the Japanese teachers with reference to the needs, progress, etc., of the school. Wednesday evening I go to the prayer meeting and on Saturday evening I meet the girls socially. We read for an hour, explain what we have read, engage in conversation and end with games. The object of this meeting is to gain closer companionship with the girls than can be done in the class-rooms. This kind of work makes them feel that you are their friend as well as their teacher. Every Friday afternoon I give them an extra hour for sewing, knitting, etc. I also conduct evening prayers with the girls. Evenings not otherwise employed I give to the sewing machine.

as it requires considerable of that kind of work to keep three people clothed.

SENDAI THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Sendai Theological School has had a fruitful year. Twenty-six young men are preparing for holy ministry.

Next September we shall have our first regular class in the Theological Seminary proper. This course will be three years of thorough work in the branches taught in American theological seminaries. We pray that a new teacher may be sent to us not later than September 1, 1890, so as to be in time for the new scholastic year. The prospects of the school are good. A goodly number of promising young men have already signified their intentions to enter the new class for the next scholastic year. But if we wish to keep our students satisfied, we must enlarge the school and furnish the young men as wide a course of study, training and culture as may be given elsewhere. That which is done in this cause must be well done; if not well done it were better to leave it undone.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The sudden revulsion of feeling against foreigners, of which one hears so much all over the empire, is felt in our school—less, perhaps, than in some others—but it has suffered to prevent the growth we fondly expected.

The girls that are in the school are loyal pupils; grateful for the comforts provided for them, and evince their earnestness by hard work. There has been considerable illness among them during the winter; nothing serious, however, except in two instances. Miura Ohama is wasting away with consumption, and another has been confined for nearly a month with peritonitis. The Japanese girls are frail, and I often feel the need of fuller gymnastic appliances than we have for their benefit. Recently we received from the officers of the local government a proposition to make such changes in our course of study as will give young women an opportunity to secure a thorough Japanese education; this change in nowise to affect the moral or religious character of the school. In consideration of such change the Government and Educational Society of Sendai promise to bestow the weight of their influence in favor of the school. Hoping, believing, that this may prove our opportunity, we are making every effort to meet their requirements in so far as the policy of the Mission will permit. This will involve the employment of more and higher grade

Japanese teachers during the coming year, but will require less of English, since we have concluded to teach all natural sciences and mathematics in Japanese. Whether the result will be what we desire, remains to be seen.

THE NEEDS OF THE MISSION.

New Seminary Building.—The necessity of a new Seminary building has been keenly felt and strongly urged by the missionaries. Those who have read their appeals and arguments cannot help feeling the absolute necessity of prompt action. Relying upon the Divine help and the liberality of the people, the Board has authorized the Mission to erect a suitable building for the use of the Sendai Theological Seminary. The new building will be located between the John Ault Memorial Hall and the old temple used by the Sendai Church. The designs call for seven recitation rooms, one reading room, a library and a chapel. The building will be in brick with blue-stone trimmings. The contract has been made from July, 1890, to August, 1891. The Board will need at least \$4,000 additional for the building fund.

A Good Library.—The Theological Seminary needs a good library. The necessity is self-evident. Rev. W. E. Hoy has in care the sum of \$1,580, raised in Japan, which the Board will allow the Mission to appropriate for the founding of a library. We unite with the Mission in the hope that all our Reformed authors will donate copies of their works to the Sendai Theological Seminary.

New Teachers.—The Mission asks for a new teacher for the Seminary, who will be in perfect sympathy with the work as now carried on in the educational policy, and also for a lady missionary for the Girl's school. The ideal of a man for the position will be one who would come with the purpose of throwing his whole soul into the work of giving our young men a knowledge of the English language. The lady teacher should be a person of broad and liberal culture.

STATISTICS.

Owing to the meeting of the General Synod, the Mission has sent the statistics for the year ending May 31st, 1890, earlier than usual. The figures given at the end of this report, represent the work for about nine months. The table is a study for the mind, a feast for the soul and an inspiration to every friend of Foreign Missions. When we consider the native opposition to Christianity and the other obstacles in the way, the missionaries did very well during the past year. Full of zeal and courage, they enter upon the new fiscal year with great

expectations. May they realize their fondest hope. *To this end we must do our duty.* The Lord help us to appreciate the emphasis.

It may be of interest to the reverend Synod to hear the latest statistics of Protestant missions in Japan. The total membership in the Protestant mission churches is 31,181, with 274 organized churches, 153 of which are wholly, and 151 partially, self-supporting. There are 135 ordained native ministers, and 409 unordained preachers and helpers. There are 350 Sabbath schools with 21,597 pupils, and 17 theological schools with 275 students. The contributions of the churches during the year 1889 amounted to \$53,503.13. The United Church of Japan, of which our Mission is an integral part, reports a membership of 8,690, and contributions \$18,071.04. This is only the beginning of the great harvest. The Japanese are calling for foreign helpers. *Men* to occupy new stations and *money* to support them, is the great cry of distress that comes to us from a people who promise so much toward the evangelization of the Orient.

FINANCIAL.

The appeal, issued by the Board to the pastors, a few months ago, reveals the lamentable fact of an *empty* treasury, with an indebtedness of \$5,000. The prospects of the Mission have never been brighter, and with sufficient means we can carry forward the work successfully.

Brethren, the General Synod has given its unanimous endorsement to the educational policy of the Board, and the missionaries have a right to look to you for moral and financial support. It is not the Board, appealing to the churches for means, but the brave and indefatigable workers, who fulfil the divine command, "Go ye into all the world," in our stead. The cause of foreign missions has no apportionments to rely on but the voluntary contribution of the people. The responsibility of maintaining the work rests with the pastors and the people. To the pastors, the Lord looks for earnest effort. From the people the Lord expects large giving. We ask your prayers and sympathies, your efforts and offerings in sowing the seed of truth upon the broad acres of the world's spiritual destitution, in the confident hope that the fruit thereof will appear, though it be after many days. May the loving Master grant us the light of His countenance, for *then* shall we see the path of duty.

Very sincerely yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

Pottsville, Pa., September 30th, 1890.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Organized churches,	Churches self-supporting,	Preaching Stations,	Baptized converts,	Membership,	Girls' schools,	Scholars in same,	Sunday-schools,	Scholars in same,	Theological schools,	Scholars in same,	Native ministers,	Unordained preachers,	Colporteurs,	Bible women,	Contributions for all purposes,
Nihon Bashi	1			13	93			1	36			1	1			\$ 113 30
Iwatsuki	1		1	9	98			1	40			1				185 00
Matsubayashi & Noda					40			1	40							9 00
Bancho	1	1	1	31	235			1	105			1				370 00
	3	1	2	53	466			4	221			1	2	1		\$ 677 30
Sendai																
Fukushima																
Nakamura																
Hobara	4	1	6	104	729	1	40	10	461	1	26	5	5	2	2	1200 00
Shiroishi																
Tome																
Yamagata																
Tsurugaoka																
Iwanuma	1		1	2	101			1	70			1				175 00
Ishinomaki	1				76			1	30			1				70 00
Furukawa	1		1	7	43			1	15			1				130 00
Hakodate	1	1	1	45	120			1	73							287 85
Mombetsu	1	1	1		121			1	45			1				235 00
Mororau																
	9	3	10	165	1190	1	40	15	694	1	26	6	8	2	2	\$ 2157 85
Grand Total	12	4	12	218	1656	1	40	19	915	1	26	7	10	3	2	\$ 2835 15

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :

Your Committee on Missions submit this report for your consideration. The following papers and items have been referred to them:

The report of the Board of Missions of the Synod of the Interior.

The report of Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions within the bounds of this Synod, under the appointment of the Tri-Synodic Board, according to the request of this Synod.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

Plan for the unification of the Home Mission work of the Reformed Church.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions of General Synod (through the President and Secretary of the same) overturing this Synod to assist the Board of General Synod to

support missionaries who are to labor among the Hungarians in this country. And in order that this end be reached this Synod name the amount it will raise, and apportion the same upon the respective Classes within its bounds.

And in addition to the documents mentioned an item of the report of the Committee of the Minutes of the Synod of the Interior, referring to the organization of Ladies' Missionary Societies in the congregations and Classes at the earliest possible date, where no such organization as yet has been made.

(See page 18, minutes of the Synod of the Interior.)

Also several *items* of the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, referring to the action of General Synod recorded on pages 57, 64, 65 and 79 of its published minutes.

We have examined these documents and considered the items referred to us and present the following resolutions as embodying their substance and expressing the sense of this Synod:

Resolved. This Synod notes with pleasure the forward step taken by its Board in taking charge of two Missions, and the good condition of the finances. And whilst no specific amount is named by the Board, which will enable it to carry on its work efficiently during the coming year, yet as it states, it "will need" more funds hereafter than heretofore. The work of this Synod's Board is heartily commended to the liberality of the Classes and their generous support. And to this end fifty cents per member be apportioned upon the Classes toward the support of the Mission Boards.

Resolved, second, it is with great pleasure we note the earnest, efficient and successful labor of Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions within this Synod's bounds, in the organization of two new Missions, the construction of a pastoral charge and the service rendered the vacant Missions. And we do earnestly hope that the gloom resting upon two of the Missions may soon be dispelled; and whilst we are especially mindful that the Tri-Synodic Board is supporting twelve Missions, and the Board of General Synod seven Missions within our bounds; yet in view of the great extent of our territory, the many cities and towns springing up in it, we do further most earnestly overture the Tri-Synodic Board, the Board of General Synod and the Board of this Synod to co-operate in taking most vigorous measures to occupy territory open to us, especially the cities of Omaha, Beatrice and Kearney, Nebraska, Topeka and Fort Scott, Kansas, St. Joseph and St. Louis, Mo., Council Bluffs, Dubuque, Des Moines, Davenport, Iowa,

Chicago, Ill., and many other prominent points in bounds of this Synod.

Resolved, third, that the Stated Clerk of this Synod be directed to send a copy of the above resolution to the respective Boards named in it.

Resolved, fourth, that we rejoice in the good record of faithful service rendered by our Foreign Missionaries in the growth of the Church in Japan, notwithstanding the uncertain state of affairs in that empire, and in view of the fact of an empty treasury, a debt of five thousand dollars, (\$5,000), the need of a teacher in the Seminary and a lady teacher for the Girl's School, we do hereby urge the Classes, and through them the congregations, to make strenuous efforts to secure much larger contributions to maintain the rapidly growing work.

Resolved, fifth, that the Classes be directed to form Ladies' Missionary Societies, and that they direct the congregations within their bounds to form Woman's Missionary Societies at the earliest possible date, wherein such will not conflict with congregational societies already founded.

Resolved, sixth, that this Synod pledge itself to raise fifty dollars (\$50) toward assisting the General Synod's Board to carry on Mission work among the Hungarians, and this amount to be apportioned on the Classes.

Resolved, seventh, that this Synod apportion five cents per church member upon the Classes toward establishing Church Building Funds.

WHEREAS, such has been the extent of the mission work done by other than the Board of General Synod within the bounds of this Synod:

WHEREAS, no definite plans of mission work, in accordance with the Home Mission Department of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, have been adopted by the General Synod itself, therefore:

Resolved, that we adopt the plan of unification proposed to us with the following modifications:

1. We do not wish the adoption of this plan to interfere in any way, for the present, with any work or co-operating work of existing Boards, until these Boards themselves see their way clear by legal act to transfer their interests to the care of the Board of General Synod.

2. That the portion of the plan numbered 13 be rejected.

Resolved, that this Synod does not see its way clear to approve of co-operation in mission work, as proposed by the

General Synod for the Reformed Alliance, until some more definite plan of co-operation has been submitted to us.

Signed by the Committee,

M. L. FIROR,
T. F. STAUFFER,
M. R. REMSBERG.

The items of this report were all adopted and report adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ERECTION.

Your Board of Church Extension would respectfully offer the following as its report for the year ending with this meeting of Synod:

The Board failed to hold a meeting for reorganization immediately after the last annual meeting of Synod. This was caused by the absence at the last meeting of Synod, of Rev. F. Witzel, who was the rightful President of the Board. The Board, therefore, held its first meeting in the Lecture Room of this Church immediately after the morning session of this Synod, Oct. 17th, 1890, and organized by the election of A. Casselman President, and D. S. Fouse Secretary and Treasurer. Nothing came before the Board that required action. This has, indeed, been the case every successive year since the formation of the Board. After due consideration the Board would recommend a few items for the consideration of this Synod. In the first place it is the sense of this Board that there is no need for a Church Erection Board, separate and distinct from the regular Boards of Missions. Church Erection or Church Building is after all only one of the departments of the Mission work proper, and a Missionary Board, in order to carry forward the work successfully, should control the Church Erection Funds, as well as the Mission Funds. We find that both the Ohio and Pittsburg Synods at their last annual meetings transferred the Church Building interests within their bounds to the General Synod's Board of Missions—giving that Board this department of their work because said Board controls their Missions. This we regard a wise movement. It is more and more becoming the sense of the Church that we must centralize our mission work, in its various departments, under one strong central Board. The wisdom of this movement will be especially seen when we consider the fact that where the Mission Boards do their duty there is scarcely any need for a Church Erection Board—as the former of necessity includes the latter.

Item 1. We would, therefore, recommend that with this meeting of Synod the Church Erection Board be discontinued, and that the work of this Board, as well as funds and assets that may belong to this Board be transferred to the Board of Missions of the Synod of the Interior.

Item 2. In the second place we would most heartily recommend that, in accordance with the action of the General Synod at its late meeting, this Synod make an apportionment of five cents per member for the use of General Synod's Board of Missions, to be used in the formation of Church Building Funds.

That the Synod furthermore urge upon the Classes the great need of such a fund, and that this small sum be promptly paid into the Treasury of the General Synod's Board for said purpose.

A. CASSELMAN,
D. S. FOUSE,
A. G. LOHMAN,
H. BAIR,

Board of Church Extension.

Item 1 of this report was adopted and Board discontinued. Item 2 was laid on the table till Committee on Minutes of General Synod report. It was taken up in that connection and adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

ARTICLE XIII.

FINANCE.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was read on Friday and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report with that of the committee as adopted is subjoined:

I. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report of the Synod of the Interior, for the past synodical year:

J. HENRY BROWN, *in account with the Synod of the Interior, Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

To balance from last year.....	\$ 28 35
To Iowa Classis.....	53 00
To Illinois Classis.....	53 00
To Wichita Classis.....	15 00
To Kansas Classis.....	38 00
	————\$ 187 35

CR.

Oct. 26, 1889, By paid for printing tickets....\$	75	
Paid Rev. Oshikawa	10	00
Paid T. F. Stauffer, bill rendered....	9	75
Feb. 11, 1890, Paid for printing minutes.....	57	55
Oct. 16, Paid T. F. Stauffer	35	00
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Total,.....	\$113	05
To balance.....	\$ 74	30
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To balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 74	30
Respectfully submitted,		
J. HENRY BROWN, Treasurer.		

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would offer as their report the following:

We have examined the reports of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education, the Board of Mission and the Treasurer of Synod, with vouchers for the same, and find them correct, except in the report of the Treasurer of Missions, wherein the missionary has to send in a proper voucher for twenty-five dollars, neglected, with balances in treasury of the several boards, to-wit:

Board of Missions	\$ 265	45
Board of Beneficiary Education.....	27	45
Treasury of Synod.....	74	30

To meet expenses for the ensuing year, for Beneficiary Education, and the Missionary work of Synod, it will be necessary to apportion upon the several Classes the following amounts:

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Current expenses per member at 7cts.....	\$ 57	00
Beneficiary Education at 5 cents	40	00
Home Mission at 50 cents	401	00
Hungarian Mission at 2 cents.....	16	00
Church Erection at 5 cents	40	00

IOWA CLASSIS.

Current Expenses at 7 cents.....	\$ 58	00
Beneficiary Education at 5 cents	41	00
Home Mission at 50 cents	410	00
Hungarian Mission at 2 cents	16	00
Church Erection 5 cents	41	00

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Current Expenses at 7 cents	\$ 45 00
Beneficiary Education at 5 cents	32 00
Home Mission at 50 cents	318 00
Hungarian Mission at 2 cents	14 00
Church Extension at 5 cents	32 00

WICHITA CLASSIS.

Current Expenses at 7 cents.....	\$ 25 00
Beneficiary Education, at 5 cts	18 00
Home Mission, at 50 cents	179 00
Hungarian Mission, at 2 cents	8 00
Church Extension, at 5 cents.....	18 00

LINCOLN CLASSIS.

Current Expenses, at 7 cents	\$ 11 00
Beneficiary Education, at 5 cts.....	8 00
Home Mission, at 50 cents	79 00
Hungarian Mission, at 2 cts.....	3 00
Church Extension, at 5 cts.....	8 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND ERB,
D. N. FRANTZ,
P. C. MOYER,
Committee.

III. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

No important action came before us during the year. According to direction of Synod the bill for printing the minutes was approved by a majority of our members, before it was paid by the Treasurer.

The Otis parsonage was insured for \$300, for five years, on February 6th, 1890, in the National Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn.; and for \$300 against cyclones, etc., in the same company.

Since Brother Joss moved away from Otis, the parsonage has been vacant and the keys in the hands of C. G. Gertz, Justice of the Peace, who represents the property to be in good repair.

The Board has also resolved to rent the property to Mr. Louis Shamburg, a school teacher, for this winter, or until a pastor can be secured, believing it better to have it occupied at a small rental than to have it stand vacant.

The term of Rev. H. Bair expires with this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

ARTICLE XIV.

EDUCATION.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

During the past year one student for the ministry, Mr. John W. Kelchner was under the care of this Board with an appropriation of one hundred dollars. In accepting him as a beneficiary the Board required him to execute a bond, according to the formula used by the Pittsburg Synod Board. In this bond he gave W. H. Ranch, Esq., and Mr. D. S. Stover, both of Wichita, Kansas, as his sureties. He attended Wichita University most of the year, and at first gave good satisfaction, but before the close of the year he discontinued his studies for want of funds and left the school. He has been paid \$90 by our Treasurer, which must be returned to the board with six per cent. interest, if he does not continue his studies.

We rejoice that many of the charges have forwarded funds to our Treasurer, thus making a beginning in this noble work of educating for the gospel ministry worthy young men who have not the means. We ask Synod to apportion 10 cents per member upon each Classis for this purpose for the coming year.

The board has also resolved to give preference to such students, who have placed themselves under the care of one of our Classes, and whose applications are accompanied by the recommendation of such Classis, where they have been placed. This will place the responsibility largely upon the Classes, and relieve the board to that extent, where applicants might be strangers to the members of the board. We ask the Synod to refer this matter to the favorable consideration of the Classes.

One year ago the Synod elected elder Geo. W. Betz, of Abilene, a member of this board for the term of five years. On the 31st of July, 1890, he was called to his eternal reward; thus we are deprived of his wise counsels, which we are confident he could have extended to the board, had his life been spared. We ask the Synod to fill the vacancy.

The term of service of Rev. D. B. Shuey will expire with this meeting of Synod.

With this the Treasurer will also submit his report.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

II. REPORT OF TREASURER BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

J. W. LOVE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Beneficiary Education of the Synod of the Interior:*

1889.	DR.		
Oct. 30. Balance at last meeting of Synod,.....		\$ 19 00	
Dec. 23. Sioux City Mission, per Rev. Frank Wetzel,.....			1 75
Jan. 18, 1890. Orangeville charge, per Rev. G. P. Hartzel,.....	\$	7 16	
" 2. Pleasant Valley charge, per Rev. J. F. Butler,.....		3 00	
" 22. Zwingli charge, per Rev. F. C. Bauman,.....		2 00	
" 29. Tipton charge, per Rev. G. D. Gurley,.....		5 00	17 16
Feb. 8. Pleasant Valley, per Rev. J. F. Butler,.....		50	
" 12. Lyons S. S., Lyons charge, per Rev. A. Casselman,.....		5 00	
" 12. Sioux City mission, per Kieffer,.....		3 68	
" 26. Maquoketa charge per Rev. S. P. Harrington,.....		3 50	12 68
Apr. 6. Wichita charge, per D. S. Stover,.....		9 25	
" 9. Liscomb charge, per Rev. S. Ream,.....		3 10	
" 17. Forreston charge, per J. H. Sechler, Treas.,.....		12 30	
" 21. Orangeville charge, per G. P. Hartzel,.....		6 34	
" 23. Damascus mission, per Rev. J. Sechler, Treas.,.....		4 50	35 49
May 6. Iola charge, per Rev. D. B. Shuey,.....		2 62	
" 13. Kansas Classis, per Rev. C. A. Santee, Treas.,.....		16 70	
" 21. Damascus mission, per Rev. Jos. Sechler, Treas.,.....		2 00	21 32
Sept. 11. Kansas Classis, per C. A. Santee, Treas.,.....			5 27
Oct. 17. Lincoln Classis, per Rev. T. F. Stauffer,.....			4 80
Total,.....			117 47

1889.	CR.		
Nov. 24. John Kelchner, Beneficiary student,.....		20 00	
Dec. 5. " " " ".....		10 00	
Jan. 18, 1890. John Kelchner, Beneficiary student,.....		5 00	
" 29. " " " ".....		10 00	15 00
Feb. 15. " " " ".....			5 00
Apr 10. " " " ".....		16 00	
" 30. " " " ".....		6 00	22 00
May 12. " " " ".....		10 00	
" 22. " " " ".....		8 00	18 00
Total,.....			90 00
Balance on hand October 17th, 1890,.....			\$27 47

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, Treasurer.

III. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

The past year has been one of hard labor, but also with perceptible success. The faculty has been full and their work has been very satisfactory. The patrons of the institution are well pleased with the progress made by their students.

Excellent harmony prevailed among the members of the faculty, as also between faculty and students. The institution

is on a solid teaching basis, but lacks some in its finances. All claims against the property, with one or two exceptions, have been settled and paid. To accomplish this the board made a temporary loan of \$10,000 at 6 per cent. interest. When the pledges made to the board are fully redeemed this amount can be fully paid back, and then the institution will be on a solid financial basis.

We submit to the Synod a catalogue of the institution for examination. From it you will ascertain that last year we had two sophomores, one freshman and one in special Greek course. In the Academic course there were 39 students; in the model department 23 students; in the business department 15 students; in the music department 57 students. Some of these may have been counted twice. The prospects for the present year are exceedingly bright.

We ask that the Synod may give it its hearty support, and urge upon every minister and elder to interest themselves in securing students. We also cordially invite every member of Synod to visit the institution, and hope no one will go away from Wichita without having attended to this duty and pleasure.

The term of the following members of the board will expire, viz: Rev. D. B. Shuey, Rev. A. Casselman, and Hon. T. B. Wall. To fill these vacancies the board nominates the following: Rev. D. B. Shuey, Rev. A. S. Dechant, Rev. A. Casselman and Rev. W. E. Shaley, of the Reformed Church, and Wilbur Jones and A. C. Payne as citizens of Wichita.

We are also happy to report that elder J. W. Keefer, of Kansas City, a member of the Board, supplied the funds to purchase the furniture now in use in the chapel of Wichita University.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President of Board.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Synod of the Interior:

Your committee would report that two papers have come into our hands, viz: The report of the Board of Beneficiary Education and the report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

From the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education we learn that one student was under the care of the Board during only a part of the year, to whom they paid the sum of \$90.00. The receipt of the board during the year was \$117.47. A balance is in their hands of \$27.45.

The Board of Trustees of Wichita University report the institution to be in a good condition so far as the teaching force is concerned, but not in so good a condition financially. It appears that the income of the institution is not sufficient to meet the expenses, and it must appear plain to all that if the institution is to be maintained on a solid basis the income must be increased, either by furnishing a larger number of students or by more liberal donations from those interested in this University.

We are glad to note that the number of students in attendance is encouraging and that there is general satisfaction among students and patrons in regard to the work done by the faculty.

At the suggestion of the Boards we recommend the following for your consideration:

1. That the pastors and elders of the several Classes be urged to greater zeal in securing young men to prepare for the ministry.

2. That the Board of Beneficiary Education be instructed to require all applicants for aid from the Board to place themselves under the care of one of the Classes.

3. That five cents per member be apportioned for Beneficiary Education.

4. That Wichita University be recommended to the Synod as worthy of its most liberal support, and that all the pastors and elders of the several Classes be urged to interest themselves in securing students for the institution. This action is not to conflict in any way with the support of College of Northern Illinois, under the care of Illinois Classis.

5. That Synod note with pleasure and gratitude the liberality of Elder J. W. Keefer, in seating the chapel of the University.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN,

A. BOLLIGER,

JOHN BELL.

This report was made the order of the day for Monday, 3 P. M. After receiving the report Prof. E. L. Kemp, of the Wichita University, and Rev. J. W. Love, member of the Board of Trustees, gave a full account of the financial condition of the institution. In connection with the adoption of the Committee's report, Synod passed the following:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee of Board of Trustees of Wichita University be and is hereby authorized to borrow

three hundred dollars to meet interest now due on a mortgage against the property of the Board, and that this Synod hereby guarantees the payment of the same with interest not to exceed 8 per cent.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

1. REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

WICHITA, KANSAS, Oct. 17, 1890.

To the Synod of the Interior:

The Board of Sunday School Work beg leave to offer the following Report:

The Board convened in regular session at the adjournment of last annual sessions of Synod, October 26th, 1889. Rev. T. F. Stauffer was re-elected President, Rev. W. E. Shaley Secretary, and Rev. Geo. E. Metger, Treasurer.

The officers of the Board were instructed to prepare a programme for Sunday School Convention, to be held during the sessions of this Synod. This has been done and is as follows:

PROGRAMME OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR, TO CON-
VENE IN THE REFORMED CHURCH, WICHITA, KANSAS, OCTOBER

18TH, 1890, AT 7:30 P. M.

ANTHEM.

Invocation.....Rev. A. Casselman

HYMN.

Scripture Lesson.....Rev. C. A. Santee

Prayer.....Rev. G. D. Gurley

SONG BY LITTLE GIRLS.

TOPIC 1. What are the vital needs in the Sunday School?Rev. E. Erb

HYMN.

TOPIC 2. Most successful means and methods to influence Sunday School

Attendance.....Rev. S. P. Harrington

HYMN.

(QUESTION BOX, (15 minutes devoted to answers.)

HYMN.

Closing Prayer.....Rev. D. N. Frantz

DOXOLOGY.

The time of each address, 15 minutes, to be followed by not more than three 5 minute speeches.

Each Sunday School within the bounds of Synod is entitled to at least two delegates.

All Sunday School workers are invited to attend the convention.

The children's meeting will be held Sunday, October 19th at 9:30 a. m.

By order of the Sunday School Board,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.
W. E. SHALEY, Secretary.

The Board finds it impossible to fully systematize the work and secure correct statistics without having proper statistical blanks for the use of Superintendents and Schools. The supply of Ohio Synod's blanks has been exhausted, hence no more can be secured. It was with difficulty that the Stated Clerk of Synod secured a supply for this year.

We ask Synod to take some action by which suitable blanks may be furnished in time for distribution, so as to secure complete statistics at next annual meeting of the Classes, to be reported to this Board, and by this board to this Synod, in this way bringing the Sunday School work into a practical working system.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

P. S. The term of Rev. Geo. E. Metger expires with this meeting of Synod.

Expenses incurred by Com. printing 400 programmes.....	\$ 2 00
Mailing programmes to members of Synod.....	35
Postage in securing Ohio Synod Sunday School blanks.....	07
Total	\$2 41

ARTICLE XVI.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported on Saturday a. m. The report was adopted and the committee instructed to have 100 tickets printed and the election made the order of the day for 4 p. m. The members of Boards newly elected are marked by a *. Not all the Boards reported their organization as requested by Synod.

BOARDS.

Board of Missions.—*Rev. A. Casselman, 5 years; Rev. Chas. A. Santee, 4 years; Rev. H. Bair, 3 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 2 years; Rev. Jos. Sechler, 1 year.

Beneficiary Education.—*Rev. D. B. Shuey, 5 years, Pres.; *Elder Fred Isely, 4 years, Rev. G. D. Gurley, 3 years, Sec.; Rev. J. W. Love, 2 years, Treas.; Rev. F. Wetzel, 1 year.

Board of Publication.—*Elder Philip C. Moyer, 5 years; Rev. Geo. P. Hartzel, 4 years, Pres.; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 3 years, Sec.; Rev. A. G. Lohman, 2 years, Treas.; Rev. D. S. Fouse, 1 year.

Board of Orphan Homes.—*Rev. D. W. Frantz, 5 years; Elder J. F. Brown, 4 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 3 years; Rev. F. M. Shultz, 2 years; Rev. A. G. Lohman, 1 year.

Board of S. S. Work.—*Rev. E. L. Kemp, 5 years; Elder Jacob Swenhardt, 4 years; Elder J. Miller, 3 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 2 years; *Rev. C. A. Santee, 1 year.

Board of Trustees of Synod.—*Rev. J. Sechler, 5 years; Rev. G. D. Gurley, 4 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 3 years, Sec.; Elder J. Henry Brown, 2 years, Treas.; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 1 year, Pres.

Trustees of Wichita University.—*Rev. D. B. Shuey, *Rev. A. Casselman, *Wilbur Jones, each 5 years.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report that no documents were placed before it requiring action. There is, however, a matter of general interest, which the committee deems of sufficient importance to bring to the consideration of the Synod.

It is felt that our church is in need of a Missionary Magazine, in which can be considered the interests of the entire church, in her missionary activities. We have papers published in the interest of missions for certain portions of the church, but we have none for the entire church. As the tendency of the church at the present day is toward the unification and consolidation of our church work, the need of such a periodical is greatly felt. We believe, also, that a magazine of this character would greatly aid in strengthening our mission work, in different portions of the church. We would therefore recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we request of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, the Tri-Synodic Board and the Foreign Mission Board, the publication of such a magazine at as early a day as possible, in which shall be considered the interests of these various Boards, as well as the work of the Woman's Board of Missions.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary of the Synod be directed to notify the secretaries of these Boards of this action, so that the wish of this Synod in this matter may be known to these Boards.

D. S. FOUSE,
T. F. STAUFFER,
A. T. KORE.

This report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ORPHAN HOMES.

To the Synod of the Interior:

The Board of Orphan Homes begs leave to report no documents, except the annual reports of the Orphan Homes of the church. From these we learn of their successful workings.

We again commend them to the church within the bounds of this Synod, and ask Synod to request each congregation to take at least one collection during the year for the benefit of some one or more of our Homes, as they may elect. Second, that such collections be sent to the Treasurer of Synod, who shall forthwith forward the same to the Home designated by the donors.

Rev. S. Runkle, having removed from the bounds of this Synod, the Board asks that the remaining term of his membership in the Board be filled at this Synod—the remainder of the term being two years.

The term of Rev. T. F. Stauffer expires with this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER,

Chairman.

The report was adopted.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS.

The special committee to whom was referred item 3 of Committee on Overtures reported as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and the items from Minutes of Synod relating to same subject, beg leave to report as follows:

That we commend this Society to the members of this Synod, and would recommend that the Classes be requested to urge the importance of the claims of the Society to the notice of the people. And that special efforts be made, in this centennial year of the Society, to increase our contributions for its work, and that, if possible, the number of life members in the Synod be increased. Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SECHLER,

C. A. SANTEE,

FRED ISELY.

Resolved, That this Synod make provision for holding a

service in the interest of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and the widows of deceased ministers, at its synodical meetings.

The pastor loci was instructed to secure some one to preach a sermon in connection with the service under resolution above.

TEMPERANCE.

The Synod adopted the following on temperance and prohibition:

WHEREAS, Intemperance in the use of intoxicating drinks is an enormous evil, debilitating our morals, burdening our courts and charities, and

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic is a vast organized interest, whose diabolic influence is felt around the earth, standing as an armed foe to Home, Church and State,

Resolved, That in the present situation we consider total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage the proper conduct for all disciples of Christ.

Resolved, That we denounce the liquor traffic as a "covenant with death and a league with hell," and affirm that the conflict between the Church and saloon admits of no compromise, but the saloon must be stamped out of existence.

Resolved, That we know prohibition has been a great benefit to Iowa and Kansas, and we hope and, pray the time may never come when prohibitory laws will be repealed in Kansas and Iowa, and that it will ultimately prevail throughout the whole country.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The action of Synod last year on this subject was reiterated, and is as follows:

WHEREAS, There is a National Association whose object is to secure a better observance of the Lord's day by National and State legislation, preventing compulsory labor on, and affording opportunity for rest and religious observances on that day, and

WHEREAS, Most of the States of the Union have similar State and county auxiliary organizations, therefore

Resolved, That these organizations have our hearty approval, and that we recommend our people to favor the movement to restrain the greed of corporations and employers from depriving working people of the right and privilege of spending the first day of the week with their families, of attending church, and improving themselves morally and spiritually.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully report that from the statistical reports of the Classes connected with this Synod, and otherwise, we have great reason to be encouraged in view of the progress made in the past year in our Sunday School work. Your committee offer the following:

WHEREAS, The Sunday School work is one of the most important interests of the church—proving itself one of the strong arms of any church. Therefore:

Resolved. 1. That we continue perseveringly to push forward this work in all our churches and at all other points where there are favorable opportunities, and thus lay everywhere the basis for the up-building of Christ's Church on earth.

2. That we reiterate the action of this Synod of last year, that so far as practicable the Literature of our own Publication Houses be used in our Schools.

3. That the Sunday School Board be instructed to publish programmes and make arrangements for a vigorous Sunday School meeting at the next meeting of Synod.

4. Your committee recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$2.41 to pay the expenses of Rev. T. F. Stauffer in the publication of programmes, etc.

5. We again call the attention of the Stated Clerk of Synod to instruction to furnish blanks upon which the Sunday Schools may make their reports.

Very respectfully,

S. P. HARRINGTON,
F. M. SHULTS,
P. S. SCHEIB.

The items in this report were all adopted and order granted on the treasury for expense incurred by the Board.

FEDERAL UNION.

The following resolution bearing upon the union of the two Reformed Churches was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with great joy of the prospective consummation of a Federal Union of the Reformed Church in America with our branch of the Reformed Church, and of the benefits that we believe will accrue to both churches from such union.

THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

Resolved, That the German Publishing House, to whom has been awarded the contract of printing the new Hymn Book ordered by General Synod, be hereby requested, if practicable, to bind the Directory of Worship, or the Forms therefrom, with an edition of said hymn book; and that the Corresponding Secretary be directed to communicate this action to the Publication House referred to.

INSTRUCTION TO TREASURER.

The Treasurer was instructed to divide the offering at Sunday evening Missionary Meeting equally between the General Synod Board and Bi-Synodic Board.

W. S. M. S.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of the presence of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society during this meeting, and the practical effect of its sessions upon the interests of the church within the bounds of this Synod, and that we pray the blessing of God upon their labors.

Friday evening of next annual session of Synod was set apart for the annual W. S. M. S. Convention.

PRINTING OF MINUTES.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have printed 1,000 copies of Minutes of Synod, and the Minutes of W. S. M. S. be included.

An order for \$8.00, in favor of the congregation, was given for expense incurred by meeting of Synod.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

To the Reverend Brethren of the Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Excuses for Absences beg leave to submit the following report:

For reasons considered valid we have excused Rev. Shumaker from the entire session; Elders Eilert and Root from Saturday P. M. to end of Synod; Elders Remsburg and Korf from Monday P. M., and Rev. Ream Monday P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SANTEE,
A. S. DECHANT,
A. KOSTENBADER,
Committee.

ARTICLE XIX.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolution was moved and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church return its heart-felt thanks to the members of the Reformed congregation, and citizens of the city of Wichita, for their hospitable entertainment in their midst during its session.

Resolved, That this action be announced by the pastor of this congregation to his people, and that the same be published in the daily papers of the city.

The Synodical Roll was called and no one found absent without excuse.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod of the Interior adjourned finally at 5 P. M. on Monday, Oct. 20th, 1890, to meet in General Convention at Coneville, Muscatine Co., Iowa, on the third Thursday in October, 1891, at 7:30 P. M.

The Synod closed with singing, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction by President.

S. MEASE, D. D., President.

G. D. GURLEY, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from original Minutes.

G. D. GURLEY, Stated Clerk.



WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society held their second annual meeting in Brown Memorial Church, at Wichita, Kansas, October 17th, 1890, at 9 A. M.

The meeting was opened with devotional service, conducted by Mrs. Rev. H. Bair. In the absence of the Secretary Mrs. W. E. Shaley was elected Secretary, *pro tem*.

Delegates from the Classical Missionary Societies were received and enrolled as follows:

Illinois Classis:—Mrs. Rev. H. Bair, Mrs. F. F. Nicodemus, Freddie Nicodemus, Vernie Nicodemus, Mrs. D. Korf, Miss Lizzie Kostenbader.

Kansas Classis:—Mrs. Rev. C. A. Santee, Mrs. M. E. Fayman.

Wichita Classis:—Mrs. Rev. J. W. Love, Mrs. A. A. Stuart, Mrs. E. M. Brown, Mrs. Rev. W. E. Shaley.

Lincoln Classis:—Mrs. T. F. Stauffer.

Iowa Classis:—No delegates present.

ORGANIZATION.

Mrs. Rev. C. A. Santee, President; Mrs. Rev. H. Bair, Vice-President; Mrs. Rev. W. E. Shaley, Recording Secretary; Miss Laura J. Nuss, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. B. Irvin, Treasurer; Miss Grace Love, Editress.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the Women of the Reformed Church of the West, believe ourselves called to render such aid as we may be able in the glorious work of Missions.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the privilege of being permitted to assemble in annual Synodical Missionary Convention to plan work for spreading the kingdom of our divine Lord.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the organization of adult and children's congregational societies, wherever practical, either male and female, or exclusively female, as may be deemed advisable, but in all cases the male portion of the congregation should be allowed at least associate membership, and have the pleasure of contributing monthly offerings.

Resolved, That all our societies should aid in supporting both our Home and Foreign Boards, as both seem to us equally important.

Resolved, That we request the congregational and classical societies to pay the monies through the Treasurer of our Synodical Society, that we may have a full record of what is being done for the cause within our bounds.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due and are hereby extended to the families who have so kindly entertained our delegates, and to all who have helped us in our missionary enterprise.

Resolved, That a copy of our proceedings be printed in the minutes of Synod.

MRS. J. W. LOVE, Chairman,
MRS. E. M. BROWN,
MRS. A. M. IRVIN.

REPORTS.

The President's report was read and adopted.

Reports from Classical and local societies were then read.

After a discussion of a letter from Mrs. Sarah E. P. Mosser it was

Resolved, that our Synodical Society raise \$100 towards sending a lady missionary to Japan.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public missionary meeting was held in Brown Memorial Church, of Wichita, Kansas, at 7:30 P. M., October 17th, 1890.

Opened with song by the choir.

Scripture reading, Rev. A. S. Dechant.

Prayer, Rev. J. Sechler.

The roll was called and the minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read.

Essays were read by Mrs. T. F. Stauffer, Miss Grace Love and Mrs. C. A. Santee.

A recitation was given by Miss Vernie Nicodemus.

A collection was raised amounting to \$15.63. \$15.00 were given to Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions, for a memorial window in the Circleville church, from the Woman's Missionary Society, Synod of the Interior; the remaining sixty-three cents were given towards paying the traveling expenses of Mrs. Rev. H. Bair.

The Society adjourned to meet with the next annual meeting of Synod. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Love.

Mrs. C. A. SANTEE, President.

Mrs. W. E. SHALEY, Secretary.



STATISTICAL REPORT—ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.		Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Baptisms		Confirmed.												By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.		(Commenced.					Excommunicated.					Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Teachers and Officers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes—English.		(Church Papers.		P. O. Address.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													

*Now served by Rev. F. Wetzel.

STATISTICAL REPORT--IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.		Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		(Confirmed.	By Certificate of Renewal of Profession.	(Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.			P. O. ADDRESS.
		Infants.	Adults.			Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.												Minutes—English.	Church Papers.		
F. C. Baumanl.....	Harmony.....	158	99	99	14	4	21	3	144	8	1	1	1	22	104	1	\$ 65 00	\$ 450 00	20	20	Zwingle, Iowa.	
F. M. Shultz.....	Lisbon.....	102	42	42	3	3	3	2	95	3	1	1	1	6	93	1	187 00	446 00	30	20	Lisbon, Iowa.	
G. D. Gurley.....	Tipton.....	1	62	34	1	1	3	6	50					1	36		63 00	700 00	20	10	Tipton, Iowa.	
S. Ream.....	Liscomb.....	54	13	54	1	1	3	6	40					2	18	93	85 00	350 00	15	15	Liscomb, Iowa.	
D. K. Falcason.....	Boulder.....	80	41	80	2	1	4	6	60	1		1	3	1	14	59	54 00	425 00	20	8	Central City, Iowa.	
J. H. Buser.....	Leighton.....	1	54	54	5	4	5	6	45				1	2	19	125	113 00	377 00	20	12	Leighton, Iowa.	
	Wilton.....	1	42	19	4	4	6	3	27				1	1	1	6	5 00	260 00	15	5	Wilton, Iowa.	
	*Coneville.....	2	141	141	2	1	6	11	141				4	2	15	171	25 16	410 50	50		Columbus June, Ia.	
S. P. Harrington.....	*Columbus June.....	3	60	21	1	2	3	7	64			1	2	3	27	154	65 00	690 00	31	15	Maquoketa, Iowa.	
J. Naille.....																					Lyons, Iowa.	
Geo. Rettig.....																					Monticello, Iowa.	
F. D. S. Fouse.....																					Lisbon, Iowa.	
Geo. C. Erb.....		18	820	477	38	18	53	27	742	12	11	11	11	17	132	984	2	\$ 679 00	\$ 4485 00	221	105	

*Supplied by Rev. J. C. Beade.

+Missionary Superintendent.

STATISTICAL REPORT--WICHITA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS,	CHARGES,	Baptisms										Contributions,										P. O. Address,
		No. of Congregations,	Members,	Members Unconfirmed,	Infants,	Adults,	Confirmed, By Certificate or Renewal of Profession,	(Commenced, Dismissed, Excommunicated, Deaths, Sunday Schools, Teachers and Officers, Sunday School Scholars, Students for Ministry,	Benevolent Purposes,	(Congregational Purposes,	Minutes—English, Church Papers,											
D. B. Shuey.....	Supt. of Missions,	1	106	33	3	3	11	10	85	2	1	15	137	2	37 00	7	30	5	Emporia, Kansas,			
J. W. Love.....	Wichita.....	3	73	40	3	4	12	12	60	1	6	1	14	90	1	130 00	1025 00	35	11	Wichita,		
A. Casselman.....	Lyons.....	3	44	23	8	2	7	43	7	1	1	1	4	32	1	65 00	430 00	25	8	Lyons,		
N. Joss.....	Osola.....	3	76	30	6	2	2	53	1	1	1	1	17	31	1	6 00	46 00	15	2	Osola,		
J. R. Skinner.....	*Idola.....	3	76	30	6	2	2	53	1	1	1	1	17	31	1	20 00	241 00	20	3	Idola,		
E. L. Kemp.....	Cheney and Whitewater,	2	36	32	.....	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	111	.....	19 00	470 00	20	3	Wichita,	
Vacant.....	Emporia.....	1	13	20	.....	.....	.....	10	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	10	3	Emporia,	
		12	348	228	23	9	29	30	281	14	12	5	9	461	2	8 273 00	82212 00	155	37			

*Rev. W. E. Shaley pastor since August 27th, 1890.

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FIFTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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FIFTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior met in general convention in the Reformed Church in Coneville, Muscatine county, Iowa, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one. The sessions began on the evening of the fifteenth, and continued until the afternoon of the nineteenth inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod met according to adjournment in the newly erected Reformed church at Coneville, Iowa, on Thursday, Oct. 15th, at 7:30 p. m., A. D., 1891. The session was opened with religious service. The sermon was by the retiring President, Rev. S. Mease, D. D. Text: John, 5:17- "My father worketh even until now, and I work." After the sermon the President called Synod to order, and formally opened it with prayer. The roll of Synod prepared by the Stated Clerk was called and a quorum found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers:—Joseph Sechler, H. Bair, Joshua Wolbach D. N. Frantz, Joel W. Alspach.

Elders:—P. S. Sheib, A. Kostenbader, Alfred Lingle.

2. IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—F. C. Bauman, D. S. Fouse, J. H. Buser, G. D. Gurley, S. Ream.

(1) K. Fulcason, S. P. Harrington, F. M. Shults,

Elders.:—C. Bowers, R. Tracht, Irvin Idle, Henry Tandy, J. D. Guinn.

3. KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—C. A. Santee, A. S. Dechant.

Elders.:—None present.

4. WICHITA CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—D. B. Shuey, J. W. Love, A. Casselman.

Elders.:—J. Henry Brown.

5. LINCOLN CLASSIS.

Ministers.:—S. Mease, D. D., T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Butler.

Elders.:—None present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.:—Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D.

St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio.:—Rev. J. C. Beade.

St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio.:—Rev. Henry S. Gekeler.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. W. Love, *President*.

Rev. A. Casselman, *Vice President*.

Rev. G. D. Gurley, *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. S. Ream, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Elder J. Henry Brown, *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod dispensed with the reading of the Rules of Order.

The Bar of the House was defined—six rows of pews in the front of the Church.

The hours for meeting were fixed at 9 a. m., 2 p. m.; for adjourning at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

The evenings were devoted to Sunday School and Missionary Services.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following standing committees.

Religious Services.—Revs. J. F. Butler, G. D. Gurley, Elder Irvin Idle.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. A. S. Dechant, J. F. Butler, Elder R. Tracht.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. C. A. Santee, J. Wollbach, Elder C. Bowers.

Overtures.—Revs. F. M. Shults, D. N. Frantz, Elder A. Lingle.

State of Religion.—Revs. S. Mease, D. D., D. K. Fulcason, Elder J. H. Brown.

Missions.—Revs. S. Ream, A. S. Dechant, Elder P. S. Sheib.

Finance.—Revs. D. S. Fouse, D. B. Shuey, Elder A. Kostenbader.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. J. Sechler, D. K. Fulcason, Elder C. Bowers.

Publication.—Revs. A. Casselman, J. W. Alspach, Elder Henry Tandy.

Nominations.—Revs. S. P. Harrington, F. C. Bauman, Elder J. H. Brown.

Education.—Revs. H. Bair, J. H. Buser, Elder R. Tracht.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. T. F. Stauffer, D. N. Frantz, Elder P. S. Sheib.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of General Synod, (special meeting), of the Synod of the Interior, the Classes of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita, Lincoln were presented and passed to the proper committees.

2. The reports of the different Boards of Synod.

3. Report of Superintendent of Missions.

4. Report of Treasurer of Synod.

5. Some communications for the committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of Synod were opened with devotional services and also closed in the same manner.

The committee on Religious Services reported in part at intervals, and submitted finally their report in full. It is as follows:

Friday Evening at 7:30 P. M. Missionary meeting under the direction of the W. S. M. S.

Saturday Afternoon at 2:30 P. M.—Preparatory Services; sermon by Rev. C. A. Santee.

Altar services by Rev. S. Ream.

Saturday Evening at 7:30 P. M.—Sunday School convention under management of S. S. Board of Synod.

Sabbath Morning at 11 A. M. Holy Communion; sermon by Rev. A. Casselman.

Altar Services by Rev. J. W. Love.

Sabbath Evening at 7:30 P. M.—Synodical Missionary meeting under charge of the Synod's Board of Missions.

Sunday 9 A. M.—Sunday School addresses by Revs. H. S. Gekeler, S. Ream and J. W. Love.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. BUTLER, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNODS.

The committee on Minutes of Synods had presented to them the Minutes of the General Synod (special meeting) in Philadelphia, June, 1891; of the Synod of the Interior at Wichita, Oct. 1890. They presented the following report:

Rev. Synod of Interior:

Your committee has carefully reviewed the Minutes of General Synod, and of the Synod of the Interior, and find the following items of business claiming your attention.

Item 1, page 7. Treasurer directed to pay all our Contingent during the year.

Item 2, page 8. Directs Stated Clerk to insert in Minutes approval of National Association for better observance of the Lord's Day.

Item 3, page 33. Support of Wichita University by members of Synod.

Item 4, page 34. Board of Trustees of Wichita University authorized to borrow \$300.

Item 5, page 37. Cor. Secretary directed to notify Secre-

taries of Mission Boards of action of this Synod as to the publishing of a Missionary Magazine.

Item 6, page 38. Calls attention to the Orphans' Homes.

Item 7, page 38. Refers to the Society for Relief of Ministers and their widows.

Item 8, page 39. Approves National Association of Sabbath observance.

Item 9, page 40. Stated Clerk instructed to have blanks printed for S. S. reports.

Item 10, page 41. Instruction to Corresponding Secretary as to new Hymn Book.

Item 11, page 42. Place of meeting.

A. S. DECHANT,
J. F. BUTLER,
ROMEO TRACHT.

The action of Synod on this report is as follows, taking up its consideration by items. 1, 8, 11, adopted; 2, attended to; 3, referred to committee on Education; 4, the Board report that they could not borrow the money on the security offered; 5, attended to; 6, action was reiterated; 7, laid on the table till committee on Minutes of Classes reports. It was taken up in that connection and found attended to. 9, the Stated Clerk had 200 copies of statistical blanks for Sunday Schools printed, and distributed a sufficient number to the Stated Clerks of Classes. The cost was \$1.25, and an order was granted him on the treasury for the amount. 10, the Cor. Sec. carried out Synod's instructions.

The Committee found nothing in the action of General Synod that required notice on part of this Synod. Action was taken last year heartily endorsing the Federal Union of the two Reformed Churches, and it was not deemed necessary to reiterate this approval. The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The committee on Minutes of Classes submitted its re-

port, which was received and taken up as a whole. After discussion on the separate items the report was adopted as a whole. The Overture from Wichita Classis for permission on the part of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University to establish a Theological Department elicited earnest discussion pro and con. The special demand of our western field for more laborers, and for men who are familiar with western life and institutions, who are themselves imbued with the vital throbbings of the great west, and could adjust themselves to the situation, was felt by some to both justify and necessitate such a step as is here proposed. On the other hand, the importance of maintaining a high grade of scholarship in the ministry in an age of agitated thought and amid an enlightened people led some to view the step as injudicious.

To the Synod of the Interior:

Your committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully report as follows:

I.

The Classes adopted all the recommendations of Synod, and complied with requests.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO SYNOD.

1. Wichita Classis overture Synod to allow the establishment of a theological department by the Board of Trustees of Wichita University in said University.
2. All the Classes, viz: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita, Lincoln, approved the New Hymnal.
3. Kansas Classis held a church work convention at the annual meeting,
4. Kansas Classis confirmed the organization of a new congregation at Scotia, Dickinson county, Kansas.

III. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

1. Iowa Classis dismissed Rev. G. C. Erb to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.
 2. Wichita Classis dismissed Rev. N. Joss to Missouri Classis, Synod of the Northwest.
- Erased the name of J. K. Skinner.

3. Kansas Classis received Rev. G. W. Remagen from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod.

Erased the name of Elias Bauman.

Dismissed Rev. A. G. Lohman to Nebraska Classis, Synod of the Northwest.

4. Illinois Classis received Rev. F. Wetzel from Lincoln Classis.

Received Rev. H. L. Beam from Tuscarawas Classis.

Dismissed Rev. G. E. Metzgar to Tuscarawas Classis.

Received J. W. Alspach from Juniata Classis.

At a special meeting dismissed Rev. G. P. Hartzel to Tuscarawas Classis.

Notices the death of Rev. Lantz.

5. Lincoln Classis dismissed Rev. M. L. Prior to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.

IV. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

1. Iowa Classis meets at Zwingle, Dubuque county, Iowa; time to be selected by officers of Classis, Rev. S. P. Harrington, President; Rev. G. D. Gurley, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

2. Illinois Classis meets at Dakota, Ill., on the first Wednesday before full moon in May, 1892, at 7:30. Rev. Geo. P. Hartzel, President; Joshua Wolbach, Stated Clerk.

3. Wichita Classis meets at Cheney, Kas., April 28th, 1892, at 7:30 a. m. Rev. W. E. Shaley, President; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

4. Kansas Classis meets at Enterprise, Kan., on Thursday evening (8 o'clock), before the first full moon after Easter, 1892. Rev. A. Bolliger, President; Rev. C. A. Santee, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

5. Lincoln Classis meets in the Reformed church at Imogene, Iowa, May 5th, 1892, at 8 p. m. Rev. J. F. Butler, President; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

REV. C. A. SANTEE,
REV. JOSHUA WOLBACH,
ELDER CONRAD BOWERS.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The committee presented the following report:

To the Synod of the Interior:

Your committee on Overtures would report the following:

Item 1. Refers to communications from Revs. H. Shumaker, Holton, Kan., and F. Wetzel, Dakota, Ill., requesting to be excused from attending this session of Synod.

F. M. SHULTS,
D. N. FRANTZ,
A. LINGLE.

The report was adopted and excuse granted,

In this connection Synod passed the following:

Resolved, That as Synod meets in general convention it is the duty of every minister to attend if possible and of every pastoral charge to send a delegate. If unable to attend or providentially hindered, it is due Synod that minister or delegate elder send a statement explaining the cause for non-attendance, and asking Synod to excuse him.

ARTICLE XI.

STATE OF RELIGION.

To the Synod of the Interior:

The duty of submitting this report devolves upon your retiring President. With the information at hand the following is submitted:

Heartfelt gratitude is due to the Head of the Church for the continuance of His mercy and blessing. The lives of his servants, with one exception*, have been prolonged; in large measure health and strength continue to them for His service. The territory in a good measure has been spared misfortunes and calamities. Fruitfulness and prosperity have prevailed.

It is indeed to be regretted that accessions to the ministry, congregations and membership could not be more numerous; yet is it a matter of congratulation that the labors of Christ's servants have been faithful, and not without blessed results. Advance is apparent in the activity of many of our congrega-

tions in the organizations of Sunday School work, Y. P. C. Endeavor work; and especially in W. M. Society work.

It is quite proper to affirm that there is a gain in the christian knowledge and spirit of what is due of congregations in the Lord's service; that every one professing Christ, a member of His body, the church, is solemnly bound to contribute a due measure of service in enlarging the fold, and extending the Master's kingdom. The Lord grant a yet more rapid advance in this common zeal and co-working for the salvation of men.

Some things are not as they ought to be. A few ministers are not in active service, not by any fault of theirs, but for lack of opening where support is sufficient. The church cannot expect any one dependent upon his earnings to "go a war-ring at his own expense." Truly, "ministers are wanted," but are they to be asked for, or expected without a regard and care to their necessities of life?

Though ministers are few, churches widely separated, and difficulties great to be met and overcome, Christ is the Head of the Church, and will guide and rule her to the accomplishing of His blessed work and praise of the Heavenly Father. To this end the great need is loyalty to the Master, zeal in His service, and faith and prayer; not only on the part of the ministry, but also on the part of all the membership. God grant that the power of the christian life be felt in every charge, congregation and member in our bounds. To Him be the glory. In Christ our Lord,

S. MEASE,
D. K. FULCASON,
J. H. BROWN.

*The exception referred to is that of Rev. D. Lantz, D. D., a loved and venerable father in our ministry. As a Synod we cannot but express our gratitude to God for his long and efficient service to the church in our western field. Enfeebled for active labor for some years, yet we mourn his departure from our number. We rejoice in his reward of life eternal in our common Head, in whose work he ably and faithfully labored in life.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your Board of Missions would beg leave to submit the following as their report:

During the year the Board has had two meetings, at which

we endeavored to consider carefully the interests of the missions and mission field in the bounds of this Synod. Three missions received aid: Dakota, Anna, and Cheney and White Water. Dakota was served by Rev. F. Wetzel, since the 1st of July, 1890, with an appropriation of \$100; Anna by Rev. J. Wolbach, since the 1st of January, 1891, with an appropriation of \$200; and Cheney and White Water by Rev. E. L. Kemp, up to the 1st of July, 1891, when he resigned and moved to Pennsylvania to take charge of one of our Educational interests. The missionaries did faithful work in their respective fields, and the missions have improved under their care. The missionaries were paid in full promptly, and a larger balance on hand than last year. But by the additional enrollment of new missions, we will need more funds this coming year. We have examined and adopted both the Superintendent's and Treasurer's reports, and herewith submit them to Synod as a part of our report. The term of Rev. Joseph Sechler expires with this meeting of Synod.

The Board unanimously adopted the following Preamble and Resolutions, and will herewith submit the same for the consideration and adoption of Synod:

We, as a Board, are in hearty sympathy with the plan of bringing all our missions under one board and know full well the disadvantage and confusion resulting from our present complicated way of doing things and would therefore recommend that all missions under the care of this board be at once transferred to the General Synod's Board.

Resolved, further, that for the sake of harmony and greater efficiency, and to avoid endless confusion, that we most earnestly overture the Bi-Synodic Board to transfer at least all their missions within the bounds of this Synod to the General Synod's Board.

The Board would also recommend that 50 cents per member be assessed upon each member within the bounds of this Synod for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. H. BAIR, Pres

Report of the Superintendent of Missions for Synod of Interior.

We are profoundly grateful unto the Great Head of the Church for His goodness and mercy to His under shepherds and the flocks in the bounds of this Synod.

The following missions are under the care of this Board: Anna, Illinois, consists of four congregations, two of which

are disorganized, viz: Anna and the Union. A Sunday School has been organized at Anna. St. Johns and Wetaug are in a fair condition. St. Johns has a union property. The other three are owned by the Reformed church. Illinois Classis succeeded by legal process to have the fraudulent deed cancelled, which had been obtained by the Congregationalists. Rev. Joshua Wolbach has been the missionary since January 1st, 1891. Appropriation \$200. The St. Johns and Wetaug congregations have overtured the Board to constitute them into a separate charge, promising to be self-supporting from January 1st, 1892. The matter was referred to Illinois Classis, and if so constituted, the Board appropriates \$300 for the Anna Mission, for Anna and the Union, where earnest work will be required to organize anew these congregations.

Dakota, Illinois.— This small charge of four congregations, but only 73 members, has made steady progress. Has four church buildings and a parsonage. Appropriation, \$100 last year. This year \$100. Rev. F. Wetzel pastor since July 1st, 1890.

Emporia, Kansas.— Is partially supplied by the Superintendent who catechised, and last spring confirmed a class of six members. Prospects discouraging. No appropriation. Church building clear of debt and in good condition.

Cheney and White Water, Kansas. Served by Rev. E. L. Kemp until July 1st. Since supplied by the Superintendent and Rev. S. A. Alt. The future prospects are encouraging. Two church buildings. There is probably a small debt on the Cheney church. Appropriation \$100 last year; this year \$250. If the congregations elect Rev. S. A. Alt the Board will commission him as the missionary.

Holton, Kansas.— Vacant. Has been regularly supplied by Superintendent. Holton has made no progress. They purchased a church property well located, on which is an indebtedness of \$700. The church owns a vacant lot worth about \$400, which is free of debt. As soon as this can be sold, it will be applied to cancel the indebtedness.

Circleville dedicated its new church Dec. 21st, 1890. A Sunday school was organized two weeks later. The congregation is in a flourishing condition and gaining in membership. The plastering of the new church began dropping off soon after its completion, and lately we were necessitated to replaster the whole church. Indebtedness \$500, all of which is pledged

to be paid by the holidays. Lower Banner is a preaching point which will likely result in a new church organization. The Board reiterated its action of two years ago, making an appropriation not to exceed \$300. A missionary is to be secured as soon as possible. One who can preach in the English and German languages is desired.

Otis, Kansas.—Vacant. Partly supplied by the Superintendent. This is the Russian mission. They hold services every Sunday, conducted by one of the members, who reads a sermon. Prospects better than a year ago. The mission ought to have a pastor, but alas, where can one be found?

Wells, Kansas.—Has been regularly supplied by the Superintendent during the year. No material progress has been made. The members are faithful and all communed. The supply must be continued. No appropriation necessary.

Scotia, Kansas.—A new mission organized February 23, 1891. It is regularly supplied by the Superintendent. It ought to be attached to the New Basil congregation. It needs no appropriation.

St. Johns, Topcka, Kansas.—Vacant. Received no attention during the year, except visiting the members. It ought to be dropped from the roll until such time when a missionary can be placed in the capital city of Kansas.

General Synod's Mission Board has the following missions in the bounds of this Synod, viz.: Altamont and Damascus, in Illinois; Lincoln in Nebraska; Wathena, Baker and Lyons, in Kansas. The Bi-Synodic Board has the following: Lisbon, Liscomb, Leighton, Maquoketa and Sioux City in Iowa; Kansas City in Missouri; Wichita, Iola and Abilene in Kansas. The latter Board gave no further aid to Wilton, Iowa, hence the mission has been neglected except in so far as Classis could supply it. Boulder became self-supporting, a fact which gives us pleasure to record. We know this was done with great self sacrifice on the part of both pastor and people. Imogene has been referred to this Board for further care. The Board urges the congregation to raise at least \$400 for pastor's salary, which the Board will supplement with an appropriation of \$50. The Wilton mission has not been provided for, and the Board thinks Iowa Classis could reconstruct its charges so that no appropriation would be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Supt.

Report of Treasurer of Board of Missions, Synod of Interior.

A. CASSELMAN, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions.

DR.

1890.			
Oct. 24.	Balance from former treasurer.....	\$	\$ 205 45
Oct. 26.	Lyons per A. Casselman.....	15	00
Nov. 17.	Orangeville per J. Sechler.....	17	02
Dec. 9.	Fairview per C. A. Santee.....	5	10
"	New Basil ".....	5	84
"	A. G. Lohman ".....	25	00
"	New Basil ".....	10	70
"	Wathena ".....	8	63
"	Hiawatha and Baker per C. A. Santee.....	20	00
"	Fairview ".....	5	00
"	T. F. Stauffer, D. S. Fouse.....	5	00
"	Lincoln ".....	5	00
Dec. 18	Altamont per J. Sechler.....	27	70
"	Shelby ".....	20	00
"	Mt. Zion ".....	27	00
"	Astoria ".....	35	00
"	Foreston ".....	20	00
"	Damascus ".....	15	00
1891.			
Jan. 8.	Foreston per J. Sechler.....	13	00
Jan. 10	Kansas City per C. A. Santee.....	13	00
"	Abilene ".....	9	11
Jan. 17.	Mt. Zion per J. Sechler.....	4	85
Feb. 5.	Dakota L. M. S. per J. Sechler.....	5	00
Mch. 16.	Orangeville ".....	6	00
Mch. 30.	Lyons S. S. per Emma Stewart.....	10	41
Apr. 7.	Fairview per C. A. Santee.....	4	30
"	Abilene ".....	5	20
"	Enterprise ".....	4	04
Apr. 11.	Foreston per J. Sechler.....	20	18
Apr. 17.	Otis per D. B. Shuey.....	1	55
"	Whitewater ".....	1	97
"	Wichita ".....	8	30
"	Wichita S. S. ".....	10	00
Apr. 30.	Wells per C. A. Santee.....	1	45
"	Holton ".....	2	50
"	Circleville ".....	7	00
"	Baker ".....	2	00
May 15.	Iola per D. B. Shuey.....	4	00
"	Maquoketa ".....	10	50
"	White Water ".....	18	10
"	Lyons per L. M. S.....	5	00
"	Lyons charge.....	6	00
May 27.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley.....	14	00

May 27.	Mt. Zion per J. Sechler.....	21 03
June 10.	Fairview per C. A. Santee.....	9 10
June 17.	Tipton per Willing Workers.....	5 00
July 23.	Foreston W. M. S. per J. Sechler.....	5 00
Sept. 3.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley.....	15 34
Sept. 19.	Missionary Festival, Illinois Classis.....	60 51
Sept. 21.	Zwingle per F. C. Bauman.....	10 00
Sept 26.	Coneville per G. D. Gurley.....	2 50
"	Columbus Junction ".....	5 00
Oct. 1.	Interest on money loaned.....	6 00
Oct. 12.	Lyons S. S.....	15 65
Oct. 14.	Missionary Festival, Illinois Classis per J. Sechler.....	2 00
Oct. 16.	Altamont per J. Sechler.....	15 95
"	Shelby ".....	11 20
Total.....		\$907 38

1891.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Aug. 10.	Liscomb per G. D. Gurley.....	\$ 2 70
Sept. 21.	Lyons S. S. per A. Casselman.....	4 50
Sept. 28.	St. Pauls per C. A. Santee.....	81
"	Scotia ".....	70
"	Circleville ".....	1 75
"	Wells ".....	75
Oct. 14.	Foreston per J. Sechler.....	6 90
"	Mt. Zion ".....	5 80
Total.....		\$ 23 91

1891.

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Sept. 21	Lyons S. S.....	\$ 2 00
Sept. 28.	Wells per C. A. Santee.....	30
"	Circleville ".....	70
"	Scotia ".....	28
"	St. Pauls ".....	56
Oct. 14.	Mt. Zion per J. Sechler.....	2 32
"	Foreston ".....	3 23
Total.....		\$ 9 39

A. CASSELMAN, Treasurer, in account with Board of Missions.

1890.

CR.

Nov. 26.	D. S. Fouse, General Board.....	\$ 15 00
Dec. 9.	Gen. Board per C. A. Santee.....	80 33
"	" D. S. Fouse.....	10 00
Dec. 18.	Gen. Board per J. Sechler.....	145 20

1891.		
Jan. 2.	F. Wetzel, salary to Jan. 1.....	25 00
Jan. 17.	E. L. Kemp ".....	25 00
Mch. 30.	D. S. Fouse, Gen. Board.....	10 41
Apr. 7.	F. Wetzel, salary to April 1.....	25 00
"	J. Wolbach ".....	50 00
Apr. 23.	E. L. Kemp ".....	25 00
May 15.	Wm. H. Seibert per receipt.....	4 00
"	" ".....	10 50
July 1.	E. L. Kemp salary to date.....	25 00
July 3.	F. Wetzel, salary to July 1.....	25 00
July 9.	J. Wolbach ".....	50 00
"	D. S. Fouse, Gen. Board.....	11 09
Sept. 28.	D. S. Fouse, ch. ex.....	11 21
"	" Hung. Mis.....	3 84
Oct. 10.	J. Wolbach, salary to Oct. 1.....	50 00
Oct. 15.	F. Wetzel, salary to Oct. 1.....	25 00
Total.....		\$ 626 58
Oct. 16.	Balance on hand.....	\$ 314 00

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By order of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed church in the U. S., as its secretary I beg to submit to your most careful consideration and helpful action the following statement:

It is with profound gratitude to God that I am able to say our foreign work is going prosperously forward; souls are being converted to Christ; the work is being extended; and God in His merciful providence is beckoning us onward to enlarged operations and new conquests for His Kingdom. During the last year, however, our missionaries report that while the work has held its own, there has not been the same onward progress which signalized preceding years. At first the Japanese were carried away in their enthusiastic welcome to the christian religion. It has since appeared that a large element in their enthusiasm was the thought that as the christian nations were the most advanced in civilization and material prosperity, they would welcome their religion as a means of secular and governmental aggrandizement. At the same time their Buddhism had in some measure lost its hold upon the people, and its Priests had grown indifferent. Now, however, the Japanese are perceiving that with the missionaries, political and secular interests are altogether secondary to the salvation of the soul, and the promotion of man's spiritual interests, and the estab-

lishment of Christ's Kingdom in their midst. Meanwhile the Buddhist Priests are bestirring themselves to the assertion of their old religion. Together with these causes there was a widespread diversion of the people's minds from christianity to political affairs, induced by the establishment of a constitutional government, and this was followed by a revival of the anti-foreign prejudice. All these causes combined, led to an alienation of feeling from the missionaries and christianity. Even some of the converts grew cold and arrogant toward the foreigners, and manifested a disposition to set them at naught. I mention these things to explain why there was an arrest during the last year of christian progress. But with all this, christianity was able to hold its own, even if it did not materially advance. Now, however, a favorable turn has taken place. The former spirit of confidence in the missionaries is asserting itself, and the prospect of onward christian progress is nappily growing brighter. The kingdom of darkness has been fighting the truth, but the truth is getting the upper hand again.

Both our schools are prospering; in the Girls' School 31 out of 38 pupils have embraced christianity, and we have as many scholars in each as we can well care for with our present small teaching force. The number has been ranging from 30 to 40 scholars in each school. The Seminary building will be completed and occupied in September.

In the home church, however, for nearly a year past, there has been a distressing apathy and want of co-operation with the Board. Only too many of our pastors seem to have no heart for Foreign Missions, and a great many of them, with their congregations, do not contribute a single cent. My observation and experience in visiting the churches, assure me that if the minister will earnestly present the cause, even when other calls are made upon them, the people will contribute—I know they will. When, therefore, a congregation gives nothing, whose fault is it? If even only one collection a year were taken in each congregation of the entire church, the Board would be furnished with means sufficient to go forward and add to our teaching force—a matter of great importance—for we are overworking our missionaries, and there is danger of their breaking down. The Board was induced by the shortage of receipts, (indeed we have been running behind for more than a year, and we are in debt about \$10,000,) to anticipate Bro. Moore's furlough by one year, (he will be in this country the last of September,) that he may visit among our churches and arouse the missionary spirit again. The Mission begged

the Board to send them a helper in his place, but it was out of our power to do so. Late letters show us that our remaining missionaries often feel discouraged and disheartened in consequences of the church's continued neglect to furnish sufficient means to carry forward our encouraging work. By the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, we are enabled to send out Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional teacher in the Girls' school, that society furnishing the means. The Board could not do it. She will sail October 23, 1891 from Vancouver.

And now, dear brethren, let us beg you in the name of Him who bled for heathen souls, as well as for ours, to take such effective action and steps as will save the Board the necessity of taking further backward steps. God is opening new doors and bidding us enter in, and we cannot, because the church neglects to furnish the necessary means. Our own church is the child of Foreign Missions. Men and means were sent here from the "Vaterland," and will we not do for others what our fathers did for us? God forbid that we should refuse!

May the Holy Spirit incline you to make a prompt response, and to render a constant systematic support to this blessed cause.

Your Brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER, Sec.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your committee on Missions, Home and Foreign, have carefully examined all papers referred to them; from which, together with information obtained from other sources, we find the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

We glean from the report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions that our work in the foreign field is going prosperously forward; souls are being won for Christ, and God in his Providence seems to be directing us as a church, to enlarged operations and new conquests in the Kingdom of the Rising Sun. Our Theological and Girls' schools seem to be in a prosperous condition, in the latter of which 31 out of 38 pupils having embraced christianity.

The Secretary, however, deplores the apathy that exists in the home church, and the lack of co-operation with the Board. There are too many who have no heart at all in the work, and

some congregations there are that do not contribute a cent to this object.

In view of these facts your committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That our pastors seek to create increased interest among the people of our churches, by special sermons upon this subject, and that special collections be taken up in all our congregations for the foreign work.

2. That we extend to Rev. J. P. Moore, who has recently returned from Japan, a hearty invitation to visit all our churches with a view of arousing a missionary spirit, and of presenting the needs of the foreign field.

3. That we hail with delight the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, in offering to furnish the means for sending out Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional teacher in the Girls' school, heartily commending also the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior for the help they propose to furnish in carrying out such purpose.

From the reports of the President and Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions we learn that faithful service has been rendered by the missionaries in their respective fields of labor; that the Missions have improved under their care; and that where there have been vacancies these have been supplied in part by the Superintendent or by the Classes.

We present the following resolutions as expressive of the sense of this Synod:

1. That 50 cents per member be apportioned upon the Classes toward the support of Home Missions.

2. We reiterate the action of last year in respectfully over-turing the various Boards of our church to co-operate in measures to occupy territory open to us, especially the large cities within the bounds of this Synod.

3. That we deprecate the action of the Bi-Synodic Board in offering for sale the church property located at Sioux City, Iowa. We believe for various reasons, that the necessity for disposing of the property does not exist, and that its sale and abandonment of the Mission would be largely hurtful to the cause of Missions in other cities and localities; furthermore, if a suitable man be placed at Sioux City, the good results that would in time follow would fully justify the church for any outlay of means in his support.

4. That the Bi-Synodic Board be respectfully requested to

reconsider its action relative to the sale of the church property at Sioux City, and that an earnest effort be made on the part of the Board to secure a suitable man to take charge of this Mission.

5. That we overture the Foreign Mission Board to apportion the amount required for the work in Japan to the different Synods, as is done in Home Missions, and not to rely upon spasmodic appeals to the church.

As a substitute for the resolutions presented by the Board of Missions, your committee begs to offer the following for your earnest consideration:

WHEREAS, the question of our mission policy is one of the most important now before our church, and

WHEREAS, the present management of our mission work is divided between several of our Boards, and

WHEREAS, all are anxiously desirous for the time when our Missions can be unified, therefore be it

Resolved, That we pray more earnestly for the unification of our mission work.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that all our mission work should be unified under the General Synod's Board, and therefore request that such arrangements be made by the several Boards now having missions within our bounds as to bring about this end at as early a day as possible, without, however, disturbing the present relations of the several Boards, until all the necessary arrangements can be made for such transfer.

Resolved, That we instruct the Board of this Synod to transfer the Missions under their care to the General Board as soon as such arrangements can be made between the two Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

S. REAM,
A. S. DECHANT,
P. S. SHEIB.

The report of this committee occupied the attention of Synod for hours. The propriety of the action in reference to the sale of the Sioux City Mission property was called in question. The original report of the committee on the unification of mission work was greatly modified after lengthy discussion. The resolutions as above given were adopted separately as items, and finally the report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

FINANCE.

The Treasurer of Synod read his report on Thursday, and it was given for auditing to the Committee on Finance. The Trustees of Synod presented their report on the same day and it was adopted without reference. The Committee on Finance reported on Monday and the report was adopted unmodified.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report of the Synod of the Interior, for the past Synodical year.

J. HENRY BROWN, in account with Synod of the Interior, Reformed Church in the United States:

DR.	
To balance from last year.....	\$ 74 30
To Illinois Classis apportionment.....	57 00
To Iowa " "	58 00
To Kansas " "	45 00
To Wichita " "	25 00
To Lincoln " "	11 00
Total.....	\$ 270 30

CR.	
Paid T. F. Stauffer.....	\$ 4 50
" "	2 41
" D. S. Stover.....	8 00
" G. D. Gurley.....	85 00
" "	15 60
" Chas. Santee.....	20 00
" C. G. Gross.....	22 50
" G. D. Gurley.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 168 01
To Balance.....	\$ 102 29

Treasurer's report of the Synod of the Interior, Reformed Church in the United States.

J. HENRY BROWN, in account with the Synod of the Interior:

DR.	
1891.	
May 13. To Hungarian Mission.....	\$ 3 00

"	To Beneficiary Education.....	1 15	
"	To Bethany Orphans' Home.....	1 10	
"	To Home Mission G. S. Board....	5 00	\$10 25
Sept. 10.	Home Mission per Rev. Butler....		10 00
The above was received from Rev. T. F. Stauffer.			
Aug. 14.	Ben. Education, Lisbon charge, per Rev. G. D. Gurley.....		5 10

Total.....		\$	25 35
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1891.	CR.		
Aug. 14.	Cash paid Rev. J. W. Love.....	\$ 1 15	
"	Cash paid Rev. A. Casselman.....	5 00	
Sept. 14.	Cash paid Wm. H. Seibert.....	10 00	
Aug. 14.	Cash paid Rev. J. W. Love.....	5 10	
Total.....		\$	21 25
To Balance.....		\$	4 10

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance would most respectfully offer the following as its report:

The report of the Treasurer of Synod, the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions were all the documents that came into our hands.

The committees audited all these reports and found them correct as reported to Synod.

From the Treasurer of Synod we find that there has been received for various purposes, such as Missions, Orphans' Home, Beneficiary Education, etc., the sum of \$25.10, and paid out \$21.25. Balance on hand, \$4.10.

For contingent expenses the sum of \$270.30 came into the Treasurer's hands, including a balance from last year of \$74.30. Of this sum \$168.01 was paid out for various objects, leaving on hand \$102.29.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education reports that there was a balance of \$27.78 on hand for Beneficiary Education at the opening of the Synodical year. There was received during the year for this purpose the sum of \$75.89, making a total of \$103.66, all of which is now in the hands of the Treasurer.

From the Treasurer of the Board of Missions we learn that for Missions direct there was on hand at the opening of the year \$265.45. There was received during the year \$674.73 making a total of \$940.18. Of this amount there was paid to

the missionaries under the care of the Board the sum of \$626.-58, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$313,60. Of the amount received \$23.91 was for church extension and \$9.39 for Hungarian Missions, making a grand total of \$940.18 received. We find the following objects to be provided for. For Contingent fund, five cents, Beneficiary Education five cents, Church Extension five cents, Hungarian Mission three cents and Missions fifty cents.

The following apportionments are made:

CLASSES,	Members.	Current Expenses 5 cents.	Missions 50 cents per member.	Beneficiary Education 5 cents.	Church Extension 5 cents.	Hungarian Missions 3 cents.	TOTAL.
Illinois	765	38 25	382 50	38 25	38 25	22 95	\$520 20
Iowa	871	43 55	435 50	43 55	43 55	26 13	592 28
Kansas	612	30 60	306 00	30 60	30 60	18 36	416 16
Wichita	372	18 60	186 00	18 60	18 60	11 16	252 96
Lincoln	175	8 75	87 50	8 75	8 75	5 25	118 55
							\$1900 15

The committees find that the Treasurer of Synod has not yet paid \$20.00 to the Treasurer of the General Synod for current expenses, also \$15.40 for Harbor Missions. When these sums are paid all our obligations to the General Synod are met.

WHEREAS, There has been considerable confusion in reporting funds, making it exceedingly unpleasant for the different Treasurers, therefore

Resolved, That all monies for Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Hungarian Mission and Harbor Missions be paid to the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Home Missions. That funds for Beneficiary Education be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Education. That funds for Current Expenses, Orphans' Homes and any special funds be paid to the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

D. S. FOUSE,

D. B. SHUEY,

A. KOSTENBADER.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The majority of the Trustees approved the bill of the Stated Clerk for publishing the minutes of the Synod before it was paid by the Treasurer.

During a part of last winter the Otis parsonage was rented at \$5.00 per month; during the rest of the year it was vacant. It is in good order and in no wise abused.

The Board again rented it for the six winter months to Mr. Schaumburg, the Otis school teacher.

With the accumulated rent some needed improvements should be made, such as walling and cementing the cistern, placing spouting to the roof, fencing the lots, etc.

With this meeting of Synod the term of Rev. D. B. Shuey as a member of this Board will expire, and the Synod is asked to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Pres.

OTIS PARSONAGE ACCOUNT.

1890.

Oct. 13. Balance on hand.....\$ 4 78

Dec. 27. Louis Schaumburg, rent..... 5 00

1891.

Jan. 26. Louis Schaumburg, rent..... 10 00

Apr. 27. " " 6 50

Oct. 14. Balance on hand..... \$ 26 28

D. B. SHUEY.

ARTICLE XIV.

EDUCATION.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

To the Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:

The Wichita University has been in active operation during the past school year, and has met with considerable success. The different departments were well attended and the instruction given has been satisfactory to the Board and to the patrons of the Institution.

Prof. E. L. Kemp, having received a call to the principalship of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., and accepting the same, it became necessary to make a change in the arrangements of the University. Pressed by financial difficulties incident to the non-payment of the promised funds for the building and the consequent necessity of making the \$10,000 loan, for which the property was mortgaged eighteen months ago, the Board deemed it advisable to pursue a different

course, for a few years at least, to give us an opportunity to square up the debts incurred in the running expenses.

The Institution was therefore leased to Profs. E. T. Mathes and A. S. Miller, two young gentlemen of tact and ability, who will manage the school for three years, on their own financial responsibility, the Board being relieved of all liability. The Board is to put the building in proper repair and furnish stoves. By the terms of the lease the control of the Institution remains in the hands of your Board and therefore under the control of this Synod.

The Finance Committee of the Board could not arrange to borrow the \$300 authorized by this Synod one year ago. There are three interest coupons of \$300 each due and unpaid, but some friends of the Institution in the east have lifted the coupons and are holding them until they can be redeemed.

A catalogue of the Institution is herewith submitted to the Synod for examination. We ask the hearty support and co-operation of every member of Synod to bring that success to the Institution which is necessary to meet the needs of this whole Synod.

We heartily endorse the action taken by Wichita Classis in reference to a theological course in connection with the present course of studies in the Institution, and suggest that the fullest consideration be given, as to the advisability of such a course for the greater success of the mission cause in the bounds of this Synod.

The term for which Rev. J. W. Love, Elder J. Henry Brown, and L. D. Skinner, Esq., were elected as members of this Board, will soon expire. We therefore nominate the following as a double set of candidates: Rev. J. W. Love, Elder J. Henry Brown, D. S. Stover and Geo. P. Bowers, of the Reformed church, and L. D. Skinner and C. A. Walker, of the citizens of Wichita.

The above report is the action of the Board at a regular meeting held August 28th, 1891, and is now respectfully submitted.

D. B. SHUEY, Pres.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

During the past year no student applied for aid in his course of studies. But that fact should not make us feel that the apportionment to this fund should not be paid. The Board is husbanding the funds for future use, although very little was paid in. This cause should be brought to the attention of our

members. Young men should be sought out to prepare themselves for the holy ministry, and if they are not able to pay their own expenses, aid should be extended to them.

The Board recommends that each pastor be requested to preach a sermon to each of his congregations on "an educated ministry, and the need of more ministers." Efforts have been made to collect the \$90 due by Mr. John Kelehner, late Beneficiary student, who abandoned his studies, but thus far the Board has not been able to recover the amount paid him.

The term of Rev. F. Wetzel expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Pres.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

J. W. LOVE, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Beneficiary Education of the Synod of the Interior:

1891.

	Balance at last meeting of Synod.....	\$ 27 77
Jan. 17.	Rev. Joseph Sechler, treasurer, Illinois Classes.....	5 75
Apr. 8.	" " " ".....	2 90
May 28.	" " " ".....	1 00
Oct. 9.	" " " ".....	5 80
Oct. 16.	" " " ".....	5 00 - 21 35
Jan. 19.	Rev. C. A. Santee, treasurer, Kansas Classis.....	8 13
Sept. 28.	Same.....	4 60
Apr. 30.	Same.....	14 35 - 27 08
May 19.	Rev. D. B. Shuey, treasurer of Wichita Classis.....	7 51
Aug 14.	Rev. T. F. Stauffer, treasurer of Lincoln Classis.....	1 15
"	Rev. G. D. Gurley, treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	5 10
Aug. 15.	Rev. S. Ream, Liscomb charge ".....	3 70 - 8 80
Oct. 16.	Rev. F. M. Shults.....	10 00
	Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$ 103 66

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, Treas.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education would beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Two papers came into our hands requiring action, viz.: the report of the Board of Beneficiary, and the report of the Board of Trustees of the Wichita University.

From the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education we

gleaned the following facts: First, that no students were under the care of the Board. Second, that but little funds were paid in for this purpose during the year. As to the first, your committee would recommend to Synod for consideration and adoption, that pastors within the bounds of this Synod be requested to preach at least one sermon to each congregation during the year on the need of an educated ministry and the need of more ministers. As to the second, that all pastors be urged to collect at least 5 cents per member for the cause of Beneficiary Education during the year, and that the attention of the different Classes within the bounds of this Synod be directed to this matter.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University we note with pleasure that the University has been in successful operation during the school year, that the different departments were well attended, and the instruction given has been satisfactory to the Board and to the patrons of the Institution.

Owing to financial difficulties the Board felt necessitated to lease the Institution for a few years in order to square up the debts incurred in the running expenses.

The Institution was therefore leased to Profs. E. T. Mathes and A. S. Miller, two young gentlemen of tact and ability, who will manage the school for three years on their own financial responsibility. Your committee would hereby recommend to Synod the approval of the action of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University. The attention and advisability of the Synod has been called by an overture from Wichita Clsssis, and the Board of Trustees to the establishing of a theological course in connection with Wichita University. We would recommend the following for consideration and adoption:

WHEREAS, We need more ministers within the bounds of the Synod of the Interior, and as it has been so difficult to obtain and retain them; therefore

Resolved, That Synod recommend to the Board the establishing of such a course as soon as available funds for that purpose can be secured.

As to the item in the report on the Minutes of Synod, referred to your committee, we would recommend that Wichita University be recommended to the Synod as worthy of its most liberal support, and that all the Pastors and Elders of the several Classes be urged to interest themselves in securing students for the Institution. This action is not to be in con-

flict in any way with the support of the College of Northern Illinois, under the care of Illinois Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BAIR,
J. H. BUSER,
R. TRACHT.

The following is the action of Synod on the Committee's report. Item 1 adopted; item 2 adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment; item 3 approved; item 4 adopted; item 5 adopted, and the report also adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Synod of the Interior:

The Sunday School Board begs leave to offer the following as their report:

We have held no meeting during the year now closing, with this meeting of Synod. The chairman published the programme for a convention to be held during this annual meeting of Synod, and sent out the same.

We are convinced, from the almost complete reports sent in, that the cause is making decisive progress within the bounds of Synod.

We urge still greater efforts in this line of church work on the part of pastors, consistories and people.

We recommend Synod to urge the use of Reformed church helps in our schools, wherever practical, and as much as possible, all Schools secure an ample supply of our church Sunday School papers for free distribution among teachers and scholars.

We further ask that Synod require the Classes and Sunday Schools to furnish this Board with complete statistics at least 20 days prior to the meeting of this Synod.

We also request Synod to overture General Synod to prepare proper Sunday School statistical blanks for use throughout the entire church, so that a correct showing of Sunday School work can be made by churches to the Classes, the Classes to the Synods and General Synod.

This Board has incurred an expense of \$2.00 for printing programmes and 50 cents postage, a total of \$2.50, for which the Board asks an order on the Treasurer of Synod.

The term of Rev. C. A. Santee expires with this meeting of Synod.

Prof. E. L. Kemp, having removed from the bounds of this Synod, hence cannot serve on this board, we ask Synod to fill his unexpired term of four years by electing some one in his stead.

We offer the following statistics as a summary of Sunday School work within the bounds of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From the papers placed into our hands we glean the following report:

We learn that the Sunday school work during the past year has not made the progress desired. We therefore look around us for the cause of this apparent check to the advancement of this important branch of church work.

1. It may be a lack of system, for we find, notwithstanding there has been repeated action taken to have the reports of our schools come in more full, yet the deserved end has not been reached. The reports this year are very imperfect. We learn that from some schools in Kansas Classis there was no report sent in. This may, to some extent, in certain localities originate from being compelled to work in Union Sunday schools, and cannot be entirely overcome as long as we must work under this disadvantage.

2. The second cause we consider is a lack of interest or energy on the part of many of our members, and in some instances, of the pastors in this important work. It has become a familiar term, Sunday school workers, as if the work belonged only to a part of the church to do, and the other part willing to have them do it, therefore

Resolved, That as the Sunday school is of vital importance to the life and advancement of the church, we call upon the whole membership to awake to greater activity in the work, and so continue to extend the work everywhere within the limits of the territory of our Synod.

3. That we reiterate the action of our Synod of two years ago, that so far as practicable the literature of our own Publication Houses be used in our schools. And that our schools secure an ample supply of our Church Sunday school papers for free distribution among teachers and scholars.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod urge the Classes to furnish the Sunday school Board with complete statistics at least 20 days previous to the meeting of Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod overture General Synod to prepare proper Sunday school statistical blanks for use throughout the entire church, that a correct showing of Sunday school work can be made by charges to Classes and Classes to Synods and General Synod.

6. Your committee recommend that an order be drawn on the treasurer to pay the expenses of Rev. T. F. Stauffer in the publication of programmes, etc., amount \$2.50.

7. We hereby call the attention of Synod to the fact that the term of Rev. C. A. Santee expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SECHLER,
D. K. FULCASON,
CONRAD BOWERS.

The items in this report were adopted separately and the report adopted as a whole. The Sunday school Board was instructed to arrange for a Sunday school meeting on some evening of next annual meeting of Synod.

SABBATH AT THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Rev. Dr. Mease by request prepared and offered the following as expressive of the mind of the Synod on the Sabbath Closing of the Columbian Exposition.

"The Synod of the Interior" of the Reformed church in the United States of America convened at Coneville, Iowa, Oct. 15th, 1891, adopts the following:

In the spirit of true patriotism; deeply interested in the success of the Columbian Exhibition to be held in Chicago in 1893; hoping it may greatly serve our beloved country, and strengthen the deep foundation of Christianity on which alone it can stand securely, therefore Synod reiterates its action of last year, as to the matters of Temperance and observance of the Lord's Day in the conduct of said Exhibition; also

Resolved, In behalf of the church represented by the Synod, we do enter our solemn protest against any and all attempts to make the exhibit in any form or manner an abetter to intemperance or Sabbath desecration in any form.

The paper was unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE XVI.

NOMINATIONS.

The committee on Nominations reported on Friday afternoon. Their report was accepted and approved, and they were instructed to post the list in the vestibule of the church, and the election made the order of the day for Saturday a. m., after the opening service. The newly elected members to the various Boards are marked with a *.

The Boards are now composed and organized as follows:

BOARDS.

Board of Missions.—*Rev. S. Ream, 5 years; Rev. A. Casselman, Treas., 4 years; Rev. C. A. Santee, Sec., 3 years; Rev. H. Bair, Pres., 2 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 1 year.

Beneficiary Education.—*Rev. J. W. Alspach, 5 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 4 years, Pres.; Elder Fred Isley, 3 years; Rev. G. D. Gurley, Sec., 2 years; Rev. J. W. Love, Treas., 1 year.

Board of Orphans' Homes.—*Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 5 years; Rev. D. W. Frantz, 4 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 3 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 2 years; Rev. F. M. Shults, 1 year.

Board of S. S. Work.—*Rev. C. A. Santee, 5 years; Rev. E. L. Kemp, 4 years; Elder Jacob Sweinhart, 3 years; Elder J. Miller, 2 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 1 year.

Board of Trustees of Synod.—*Rev. D. B. Shuey, Pres., 5 years; Rev. J. Sechler, 4 years; Rev. G. D. Gurley, 3 years; Rev. A. Casselman, Sec., 2 years, Elder J. Henry Brown, Treas., 1 year.

Trustees of Wichita University.—*Rev. J. W. Love, *Elder J. Henry Brown, and *S. D. Skinner, each 5 years.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication presented no report, and it was on motion discontinued. The Standing Committee on Publication was enlarged by the addition of Revs. D. B. Shuey and C. A. Santee, and to the Committee was assigned the duty of reporting to the church and secular papers. This Committee presented the following, and it was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

No documents or items have been referred to us upon which

to base our report, but we may be allowed to refer to the several publications of our church. We are glad to note that these publications compare favorably, both in price and quality, with those of other churches, and hence are worthy the liberal support of all our people. We recommend that earnest efforts be made by all to increase the circulation of our church papers, and that each Classis take the proper steps to bring this matter to the notice of the several charges.

We have attended to the duty of reporting to the several papers.

A. CASSELMAN,
J. W. ALSPACH.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORPHANS' HOMES.

To the Synod of the Interior:

The Board of Orphans' Homes beg leave to report that no documents have been brought to our notice. None of the Orphans' Homes of the church have sent in any report, but we rejoice to learn through other means that they are doing a good work.

We have no means of knowing the amount contributed by our Synod for this work, but are glad to know that some of our people, at least, have made offerings for this worthy cause.

The term of Rev. A. G. Lohman expires with this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. FRANTZ,
F. M. SHULTS,
A. CASSELMAN.

The report was adopted without reference.

RELIEF OF MINISTERS.

The action of last year was in substance re-enacted.

That we commend this Society to the members of this Synod, and would recommend that the Classes be requested to urge the importance of the claims of the Society to the notice of the people. And that special efforts be made to increase

our contributions for its work, and that, if possible, the number of life members in the Synod be increased.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

To the Synod of the Interior:

BRETHREN:

The committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report that no items of business have claimed our attention. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER,
D. N. FRANTZ,
S. P. HARRINGTON.

THE MISSIONARY GUARDIAN.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends the *Missionary Guardian* to all our members, and requests all our Pastors and Elders and Missionary Societies to make every possible effort to increase its circulation.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

WHEREAS, The soul destroying and gigantic enemy of human happiness, intemperance, is still committing great evils, and constitutes the source of a large percentage of the crimes of the slaves to the use of intoxicating drinks, burdening our courts and increasing destitution; and

WHEREAS, The debilitating and moral destroying traffic is thoroughly organized and hurtful alike to both Church and State; therefore

Resolved, That, as a Synod, we consider total abstinence from "all intoxicating drinks as a beverage the proper conduct for all disciples of Christ."

Resolved, That we denounce the traffic in intoxicants as a beverage as a covenant with the arch-enemy of righteousness, and in both open and secret conflict with Christ's church, and admitting of no compromise, but that the saloon must be stamped out of existence.

Resolved, That we recognize the great benefit of prohibi-

tion in Iowa and Kansas, and we hope and pray the time may never come when these laws will be repealed in Iowa and Kansas, and that national prohibition will come to prevail throughout the country.

Resolved, That this Synod recommends Pastors to read this action to their congregations, and urge upon all the support of the temperance cause.

CITY MISSIONS.

Synod on Monday p. m., met in Spiritual Conference, but it turned out more a Work Conference. Rev. Shuey gave an account of a visit to Denver, and the opening to establish an English interest there. The never to be allayed desire for an English congregation in Chicago brought up that city in the same connection. The Conference as a Committee on the Whole adopted the following, and on rising reported it to the Synod, and it was passed:

The Synod of the Interior, embracing the vast Mission field of the Reformed church, earnestly desiring the most effective policy for the accomplishment of this great work, adopts the following:

Resolved, That we are fully aware that the first requisite in this work is to lay hold of our larger cities and principal centers.

Resolved, That we urge this fact upon the attention of our Mission Boards, Ministers and membership generally. This policy we believe to be the most wise and necessary.

CHURCH WORK CONVENTION.

WHEREAS, The more full identification of the young people of the church with the general church work and christian activity is greatly to be desired; therefore be it

Resolved, That a church work convention be held during the next annual sessions of Synod, and that the Pastor *loci*, and two others be appointed as a committee to prepare a programme for the same, notify speakers at least 30 days prior to the meeting, and also report upon the advisability of organizing a Reformed Church League.

Revs. Shults and Stauffer, with Elder C. Bowers, were appointed on the Committee called for in the resolution.

On motion \$5.00 was voted the sexton for services during sessions of Synod.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1,200 copies of Minutes printed.

The offerings at the Missionary meeting on Sunday evening (\$41.62.) were voted to the Board of General Synod.

Rev. Shuey was appointed a committee to secure reduction of railroad fare for delegates to next annual meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolution of thanks was moved and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the Synod of the Interior in annual convention assembled hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to the members, pastor, and friends of the Reformed churches of Coneville and Columbus Junction, Iowa, for their hospitable entertainment in their midst during its session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to insert the summary of Sunday School Statistics in the Minutes.

The roll of Synod was called, and no one was absent without excuse.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod of the Interior adjourned finally on Monday, October 15th, at 4 p. m., to meet in General Convention at Lisbon, Iowa, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, 1892, at 7 p. m.

Synod closed with singing Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

W. LOVE, Pres.

G. D. GURLEY, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from original Minutes.

G. D. GURLEY, S. C.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society held their third annual meeting in the Methodist church at Coneville, Iowa, October 16th, 1891, at 2:30, p. m.

The W. S. M. S. labors under the same difficulty as the Synod of the Interior—far distances between the different Classical societies. Hence it happens that the attendance at our annual sessions is for the most part from the Classis in whose bounds the meeting is held. But the spirit of the Synodical organization nevertheless pervades the meeting. Though not present in the person of delegates, the Classical societies speak through their reports. As the Synod was holding its sessions in the Reformed church, the Methodist brethren kindly donated the use of their church for the meeting of the W. S. M. S.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. S. P. Harrington.

In the absence of the President and Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Shults was chosen President pro tem, Miss Millie Gay, Secretary pro tem.

The following delegates were received and enrolled:

Iowa Classis:—Mrs. A. M. Shults.

Maquoketa Society:—Mrs. S. P. Harrington.

Tipton Society:—Mrs. Ida R. Neiman, Mrs. G. D. Gurley.

Leighton Society:—Mrs. M. Tandy, Mrs. Jane Tandy.

Lisbon Society:—Mrs. E. S. Smith.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. G. D. Gurley.

Vice President.—Mrs. A. M. Shults.

Recording Secretary.—Miss Millie Gay.

Corresponding Secretary.—Miss Laura J. Nuss.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Ida R. Neiman.

Editress.—Miss Grace Love.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. D. S. Fouse, Superintendent of Home Missions, and all ladies present, were made advisory members.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee.—Iowa Classis, Mrs. McClelland; Illinois Classis, Mrs. H. Bair; Wichita Classis, Mrs. J. W. Love; Kansas Classis, Mrs. C. A. Santee; Lincoln Classis, Mrs. T. F. Stauffer.

Resolutions.—Mrs. A. M. Shults, Mrs. E. S. Smith.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF W. S. M. S.

To the Members of the W. S. M. S.:

DEAR SISTERS:—The President of the society for the year now ended, submits the following report of the work committed to our care:

As the work is one of great interest and importance, and can be carried forward, as we believe, by means of such societies, your President directed a letter to every minister within the bounds of the Synod of the Interior, urging the formation of such societies in congregations where none had been organized for the prosecution of our work. In order to reduce this work to system and carry it on systematically, the society should report to the Classical, and from thence to the Synodical, and in that way every Classis would know what was done, and from thence also the Synod would learn how the work is progressing.

The result of this year's labor shows what can be accomplished. In order to have a clear statement of money

contributed by the different congregations, it would be well to have all such paid over to the Treasurer of our society, and thus every contribution would be accounted for and reported to our Synod by our Synodical Treasurer.

Whatever money came into my hands, I at once remitted to Treasurer, at Harrisburg, and hold her receipt, which I herewith hand over to the Treasurer.

With this, my report, I submit the report of our Treasurer, giving a correct statement of monies received and paid over.

You may see from this report what the W. S. M. S. accomplished, and it behooves us, as we enter on a new year, to do so, with renewed earnestness and zeal, looking in faith and prayer to the great Head of the Church for His blessing upon our work. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. A. SANTEE, Pres.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior:

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit her report of the money received and disbursed since her election as Treasurer of this society, to-wit:

1891.	DR.	
Mch. 22.	To Mrs. S. A. Brown, Treasurer of W. S. M. S. of Illinois Classis toward the \$100 pledged by this Synod.....	\$ 25 00
Mch. 22.	To Mrs. S. A. Brown, Treasurer of W. S. M. S. of Illinois Classis toward the \$2 for expenses.....	50
Apr. 26.	To Rev. S. P. Harrington, of the Iowa Classis, toward the \$100.....	2 00
May 20.	To Laura Nuss, which was given her at the Emporia, Kansas, convention toward the \$100.....	2 85
May 25.	To Mrs. S. A. Brown, Treasurer of Illinois Classis, toward the \$100.....	5 00
June 25.	Mrs. Vanderbeck, Treasurer of the Wichita Classis of the W. S. M. S., toward the \$100.....	10 00
July 3.	To Mrs. C. A. Santee, for the W. M. and A. S., of the St. Pauls Reformed Church of Kansas City toward the \$100.....	10 00
Total amount received.....		\$ 55 35
1891.	CR.	
July 3	Forwarded to Mrs. G. Z. Kunkel, Treasurer of the General Synod the above amount received from Mrs. C. A. Santee	10 00
	Balance on hand.....	\$ 45 35
Sept.	Draft sent Mrs. C. A. Santee this day of the balance.....	\$ 45 35

MRS. H. B. IRVIN, Treas.

WICHITA, Kansas, Sept. 23, 1891.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

Reports from the Woman's Classical Missionary Societies of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln Classes were read:

Illinois.—This society gave no report of its annual meeting. The statistics report 6 congregational societies, President, Mrs. H. Bair, Foreston, Ill; Treasurer, Miss Jennie Drake, Grove City, Christian county, Ill.

Iowa.—The W. C. M. S. held its annual meeting at Brandon, Sept. 17, 1891. Congregational societies, 6. President; Mrs. S. P. Harrington, Maquoketa, Iowa. Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Albert, Brandon, Iowa. Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Achenbach. The next annual meeting will be held at Zwingle, Iowa, Sept., 1892.

Kansas.—

Wichita.—The annual meeting was held in Emporia, Kansas, May 14, 1891. Congregational societies, 5. President, Mrs. W. E. Shaley, Iola, Kansas. Secretary, Miss Laura J. Nuss, Wichita, Kansas; Treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Stewart.

Lincoln.—The W. C. M. S. was organized at Sioux City, Iowa, May 23, 1891. Congregational societies, 5. President, Mrs. T. F. Stauffer. Secretary, Miss Kate Kifer. Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. F. Weiss.

These reports showed progress in the number of societies organized, in the amount of contributions, and breathe a spirit of hopefulness and zeal. A member of Synod, speaking of the society's work, said: "The women always speak in hope and cheer, while the grumbling and gloom is all from the side of the men."

SALARY OF MISSIONARY.

Regarding the salary of the lady missionary to Japan, Miss Hollowell, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, At the last meeting of the W. S. M. S., the society was pledged for \$100 toward sending the missionary to Japan; and

WHEREAS, The amount was not raised within \$45.00*; therefore

Resolved, For the ensuing year we pledge ourselves for \$50 for that object.

*It would seem the deficiency above mentioned is due to the fact that the monies were not sent through the Treasurer of the W. S. M. S.—PRESIDENT.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, and the report was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Lord has so abundantly blessed us in the past year and increased interest among us,

Resolved, That we newly consecrate ourselves to this great cause.

Resolved, That with renewed energy we will endeavor to do more and better work than in the past.

Resolved, That the thanks of the W. S. M. S. are hereby tendered to the people of Coneville and vicinity for their generous hospitality, and also to the kind Methodist people for the use of their church.

MRS. A. M. SHULTS,

MRS. E. S. SMITH.

A NEW SOCIETY.

The delegates to the Synodical Society met with the ladies of the Reformed congregation at Coneville on Saturday p. m., and organized a W. S. M. S. with an enrollment of 28.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public missionary meeting under the management of the W. S. M. S. was held in the Reformed church on Friday evening. The house was well filled and a lively interest was manifested. Rev. Dr. Santee, of Maryland, led in devotions. The choir of the congregation furnished appropriate selections, and led in singing the standard hymns. The following essays were read:

"Home Evangelization an Imperative Duty" Mrs. A. M. Shults. "Be Happy in Well Doing"—Mrs. S. P. Harrington. "A Plea for Missions"—Mrs. Susie McKee Smith.

Remarks were made by various ministers of Synod. The offerings amounted to \$18.04. The society adjourned with the doxology and benediction, to meet with the next annual meeting of Synod at Lisbon, Iowa, Oct. 15th, 1892.

MRS. G. D. GURLEY, Pres.

MISS MILLIE GAY, Sec.

STATISTICAL REPORT--ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members Unconfirmed.		Baptisms		Contributions.														
		Members.	No. of Congregations.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes—English.	Church Papers.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Henry Balr.....	Foreston.....	138	2	8	3 14	4	116 3	18 2	25	135	402	767	45	18	Foreston, Ill.					
*Geo. P. Hartzel.....	Orangeville.....	4 111	79	5	1	2	79	1	30	100	155	715	30	23	Orangeville, Ill.					
Joseph Sechler.....	Danaseus.....	58	35	6	3 2	2	35	1	20	68	113	176	20	17	Lena, Ill.					
Daniel N. Frantz.....	Mt. Zion.....	116	53	8	2 11	1	102 1	1	25	105	200	704	30	22	Grove City, Ill.					
Joshua Wolbach.....	Anna.....	80	50	4	1 4		52		4	25	20	425	25	15	Anna, Ill.					
J. W. Alsopach.....	Albion.....	81	42	3		2	61 1		13	83	55	24	20	16	Albion, Ill.					
J. W. Alsopach.....	Shelbyville.....	1 40	35	6			28 1		8	40	41	296	15	20	Shelbyville, Ill.					
Frank Wetzel.....	Dakota.....	4 64	53	2		6	54 2		3	140	74	447	45	32	Dakota, Ill.					
Vacant.....	Astoria.....	2 77	89	2			60		2		58	197	25		Summum, Ill.					
Robt. F. Oplinger.....	Without charge.....																			
John Kerche.....	Superannuated.....																			
Harry L. Beam.....	Pres. of College of Northern Ill.....	23 765	494	42	9 32	20	587 8	21 19 17	156	636	\$3807	255	163							

* Now at Apple Creek, Ohio.

STATISTICAL REPORT--IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms										Contributions.										P. O. ADDRESS.													
		Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Infants.		Adults.		Confirmed.		By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.		(Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Deaths.			Sunday Schools.		Teachers and Officers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		Minutes—English.		(Church Papers.
F. C. Bauman	Harmony	128	75	6	1	3	1	125	5	27	3	2	24	70	1	66	\$	430	25	20															
F. M. Shultz	Lisbon	115	34	4	7	13	5	105	3	1	1	1	15	81	1	214	1556	25	26																
G. D. Gurley	Tipton	1	62	37	1	1	4	55	4	1	1	1	10	45	1	81	600	25	12																
S. Ream	Liscomb	2	56	19	1	1	2	39	1	3	2	2	21	105	1	95	459	15	14																
D. K. Fuleason	Roubid	2	85	37	1	1	4	47	4	3	2	2	13	91	1	74	452	18	10																
S. F. Harrington	Maquoketa	3	37	9	4	14	6	73	1	1	1	1	26	118	1	117	630	33	12																
J. H. Bauer	Leighton	1	82	25	25	40	4	70	5	1	1	1	15	100	1	16	425	15	12																
Vacant	Wilton	1	34	19	1	1	1	27	3	1	1	1	9	34	1	12	2215	50	4																
	*Columbus June	2	83	37	3	6	3	47	3	1	1	1	9	66	1	20	3456	50	10																
	*Coneville,	2	129	75	3	6	3	107	2	2	2	2	32	159	1	20	3456	50	10																
J. Nalle	Lyons, Iowa.																																		
George Rettig	Monticello, Iowa.																																		
D. S. Fouse	Lisbon, Iowa.																																		

18 871 386 32 44 77 24 696 27 32 10 16 173 879 2 \$ 715 \$ 10,223 266 125

*Supplied by Rev. J. C. Beale.
†Missionary Superintendent.

STATISTICAL REPORT--KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms										Contributions.										P. O. ADDRESS.
		No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	(Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	(Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erase of Names.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	(Congregational Purposes.	Minutes—English.	Church Papers.		
Rev. A. Bolliger ..	New Basil.....	1	92	109	13	18	18	1	60	6	2	1	3	90	3	90	3	4	400	12	40	
	*Bethany.....	1	88	55	1	1	7	1	50	4			1	11	86	1	60	500	40	25		
C. A. Santee.....	St. Paul.....	1	28	3	3	3	2	3	19	1			1	11	48		68	429	10	7		
	*Baker.....	1	50	60	8	2	2	1	50				1	1	40	1	35	165	20			
A. S. Dechant.....	Ablene.....	2	115	58	4	11	7	1	102		23	2	2	21	146		24	809	50	25		
J. G. Martin.....	Wathena.....	1	111	64	8	13	17	1		1			1	4	65		12					
§G. W. Remagen..	§Fairview.....	1	48																			
	†St. John.....	1	16																			
	+Wells.....	1	15	8		1	1		15				1	2	15		10	12	6	2		
	+Holton.....	2	35	19	4	5	5	4	33				1	9	45		18	1056	23	10		
	†Scotia.....	1	14	12	1	7	7		14								1	8	5	3		
†D. G. Greenwald.																						
H. Shumaker																						
		13	612	379	42	266	33	343	6	29	6	9	66	535	1	8273	\$2575	166	112			

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STATISTICAL REPORT--WICHITA CLASSIS.

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MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		Baptisms.										Contributions.										P. O. ADDRESS.													
				Members Unconfirmed.		Infants.		Adults.		(Confirmed.		By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.		(Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Teachers and Officers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Beneficent Purposes.		(Congregational Purposes.		Minutes—English.		(Church Papers.	
*D. B. Shuey	Wichita	1	106	34		9	10	7	86	4	12	1	1	15	240	100	30	5	Emporia, Kansas.																		
J. W. Love	Lyons	2	80	30	2	2	12	30	69	4	1	1	18	125	135	25	27	Wichita, Kansas.																			
A. Casselman	*Cheney and Lyons														52	650	20	12	Wichita, Kansas.																		
§E. L. Kemp	Whitewater	2	49	47		1	10	1	47	2	4	1	13	45	38	334	24	10	Lyons, Kansas.																		
W. E. Shaley	Iola	3	74	21	2	2	2	5	53	2					15	22	10		Iola, Kansas.																		
Vacant	Emporia	1	11	20	1	1									1	6	1																				
Vacant	Otis	1	52	23	1	1			23						3	30	18																				
		12	372	235	12	12	34	25	278	10	23	4	60	540	8	344	8	1,500	145	65																	
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STATISTICAL REPORT—LINCOLN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptism—Infants.	Baptism—Adults.	Confirmed.	By Cert. of Renew.	Commenced.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes—English.	Church Papers.	P. O. ADDRESS.
S. Mease, D. D.	Without Charge.	12	50	25	7	5	7	14	43	3		1	2	9	65	\$ 2.35	\$343.25	1		Beatrice, Neb.
*M. L. Fior	Sioux City.	1	76	45	6		2	73	73			1	1	1	28	43.00	210.25	25		Sioux City, Iowa.
J. F. Butler	Imogene.	1	46	15		4		19	45				1	1	40	28.00	438.24	24		Imogene, Iowa.
T. F. Stauffer	Lincoln.	1	23	10				23	23				3	16	80			10		Lincoln, Neb.
Edmond Erb	Redfield.	3																		
	Without Charge.	7	195	93	13	5	11	35	182	3		2	7	39	213	\$73.35		86		Lincoln, Neb.

*Removed to Maryland Classis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CLASSES.	STATED CLERK.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Months held.	No. Scholars Enrolled.	Av. Attendance.	No. of Scholars over 16 years of age.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Av. attendance of Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. Members professing Religion during year.	No. Vols. in Library.	No. Copies S. S. Papers Taken.	Collections for use of School.	Collections Benevolent Purposes.	Teachers' Meetings.	Study Catechism.
Illinois	John Wolbach	16	12	659	257	149	145	66	669	81	750	385	\$156.83	\$117.03	1	4
Lincoln	T. F. Stauffer	7	12	218	12	32	23	12	161	7	150	155	46.00	2.50		
Kansas	C. A. Santee	9					66		535							
Iowa	G. D. Gurley	15	11	831	612	66	101	144	997	30	504	492	298.00	68.00	3	9
Wichita	D. B. Shuey	4	12	395	219	80	42	29	447	18		217	95.50	62.17		6
		51	47	2104	1130	327	377	251	2806	73	1404	1249	\$593.33	\$269.70	4	17

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR, OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1891.

CLASSES.	Baptisms.			Additions.			Members Continued.	Members.			Congregations.			Classes.	Ministers.	Charges.	Contributions.						Church Treasurers.
	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Others and Teachers.	Sunday School.	Students for the Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.								
Illinois	42	9	32	20	587	8		21	19	17	56	696	1118	3867	255	163							
Iowa	32	44	77	24	695	27		32	10	16	173	879	715	10223	266	125							
Kansas	42	25	66	33	343	6		29	6	9	66	538	273	2573	166	112							
Michigan	12	12	34	23	278	4		23	4	7	60	510	344	1760	145	65							
Lincoln	13	5	11	35	182	3		2		7	39	213	73	991	86								
Total	143	95	220	135	2085	48		105	41	56	394	2836	2523	19416	918	465							

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1891.

SYNODS.	Baptisms.			Additions.			Members Continued.	Members.			Congregations.			Classes.	Ministers.	Charges.	Contributions.						Church Treasurers.
	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Others and Teachers.	Sunday School.	Students for the Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.								
Eastern Synod	5596	599	4550	2274	68974	1356	4	925	2781	577	5886	59824	105	78925	283732								
Ohio Synod	858	508	1234	633	16544	610	5	863	372	201	2472	18532	33	15258	94709								
Synod of Northwest	1716	24	1042	881	14760	194	10	394	424	190		12128	40	16581	94979								
Pittsburgh Synod	898	94	700	605	11852	388	0	212	286	112		9137	16	42197	74527								
Synod of Potomac	1899	331	1801	985	28037	599	1	289	810	276	826	25314	57	39674	105461								
German Synod of East	1970	18	741	699	10385	141	2	345	491	45	9204	12	7029	82377									
Central Synod	1230	82	1023	867	13120	232	10	491	484	105	4089	25	13189	97736									
Synod of Interior	143	95	220	135	2085	48		105	41	56	394	2836	3	2523	19416								
Grand Total	14220	1661	11311	7069	165767	3578	32	3624	5689	1462	9468	141064	291	298376	1012937								

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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR

OF THE



REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES

AT

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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior met in General Convention in the Reformed Church at Lisbon, Iowa, October, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two. The Sessions began on the evening of the Nineteenth, at 7:30, continued until the evening of the Twenty-second.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod met according to adjournment in the Reformed Church at Lisbon, Iowa, on Wednesday, October 19th, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. J. W. Love, 2 Tim. 2:15- "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth." After the sermon and prayer, Synod was called to order and the roll as prepared by the Stated Clerk was called, a quorum was present and the President for the coming year elected.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers:—J. W. Alspach², Henry Bair², Henry L. Beam², D. N. Frantz², E. C. Rust², Joseph Sechler², Frank Wetzel².

Elders:—Daniel Frantz², Aaron Kostenbader², A. F. Korf².

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers:—F. C. Bauman, J. H. Buser, D. S. Fouse, D. D., John Naille², G. D. Gurley, D. K. Fulcason³, S. Ream, S. P. Harrington, F. M. Shults, J. C. Beade, S. Shaw^{6 f}.

Elders:—Albert Cort, J. D. Guinn,^f Jacob Sweinhart, John Easterly⁴, James Edelman⁴.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers:—A. Casselman, A. S. Dechant, G. W. Remagen, H. S. Gekeler.

Elder:—Fred Isely.

WICHITA CLASSIS.

Ministers:—D. B. Shuey, J. W. Love, S. A. Alt⁴.

Elder:—Geo. P. Bowers.

LINCOLN CLASSIS.

Ministers:—Edmund Erb, T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Butler, Parley E. Zartman.

The figures indicate session at which members took their seat, the letters time of leaving.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., Missionary in Japan; Rev. I. C. Bookwalter and Rev. A. V. Carleton, of U. B. church; Rev. H. H. Long, of the Evangelical Association; Rev. J. F. Cressler, of the Lutheran church; Rev. Bailey, of the M. E. church; Elders J. Uhler, of Lisbon, L. H. Diehl, of Astoria, and C. T. Kleckner, of Dakota, Illinois.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. A. Casselman, *President*.

Rev. J. Sechler, *Vice President*.

Rev. G. D. Gurley, *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. A. S. Dechant, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Elder J. Henry Brown, Wichita, Kansas, *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order adopted by General Synod, which were adopted at the organization of the Synod of the Interior, were read.

The Bar of the House was designated as consisting of the first six pews.

The hours for opening Synod were fixed at 9 a. m., and 2 p. m.; for closing at 11:30 a. m., and 4:30 p. m. On Friday Synod met at 1 p. m., on Saturday at 8 a. m., and an evening session was held after service extending to 10 p. m.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Minutes of Synod.—T. F. Stauffer, H. L. Beam, Albert Cort.

Overtures.—H. Bair, J. F. Butler, Geo. P. Bowers.

Minutes of Classes.—F. Wetzel, G. W. Remagen, J. D. Guinn.

Religious Services.—F. M. Shults, D. S. Fouse, John Easterly.

State of Religion.—J. W. Love, D. N. Frantz, Aaron Kostenbader.

Finance.—S. P. Harrington, H. S. Gekeler, Jacob Sweinhart.

Sunday School.—A. S. Dechant, E. Erb, Jacob Sweinhart.

Publication.—D. B. Shuey, Parley E. Zartman, Daniel Frantz.

Missions.—J. W. Love, J. Sechler, Fred Isely.

Education.—S. Ream, F. C. Bauman, A. F. Korf.

Nominations.—J. W. Alspach, J. H. Buser, Jacob Sweinhart.

Examination and Licensure.—D. S. Fouse, J. C. Beade, Fred Isley.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of Synod, Minutes of the different Classes, were presented and passed to the proper committees.

The report of General Superintendent of Home Mission and a report from Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions were presented.

A number of letters from absent members requesting to be excused were passed to the committee on Overtures.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotions, the opening devotions continuing a half hour.

The committee on Religious Services reported at different stages of the session and on submitting their final report, it was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following report:

Thursday Evening at 7 P. M.—Synodical Sunday School meeting, conducted by Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Chairman of Sunday School Board of Synod.

Friday at 2:15 P. M.—Address by Rev. G. D. Gurley at the U. B. Church, appropriate for Columbus Day.

Friday Evening at 7 P. M.—A Missionary service under the direction of the W. S. M. S.

Saturday at 2:30 P. M.—Preparatory Services; sermon by Rev. G. W. Remagen.

Altar service by Revs. F. Wetzel and E. Erb.

Saturday Evening at 7 P. M.—Church Work Convention, conducted by Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Sunday at 8:30 A. M.—Sunday School addresses by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore.

Sunday at 10:30 A. M.—Communion Service; sermon by Rev. A. Casselman,

Altar services by Revs. S. A. Alt and J. W. Alspach.

Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting at 3:30 P. M.—Addresses by Revs. Beam, Dechant, Gekeler and Mrs. E. Whitmore.

Sunday Evening at 7 P. M.—A service in the interest of Missions; addresses by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore.

United Brethren Church, Sunday at 10:30 A. M.—Rev. A. S. Gekeler.

Evangelical Church, Sunday at 10:30 A. M.—Rev. D. N. Frantz.

Lutheran Church, Sunday at 10:30 A. M.—Rev. H. L. Bean.

M. E. Church, Sunday at 10:30 A. M.—Rev. A. S. Dechant.
Respectfully submitted,
F. M. SHULTS, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Synod of the Interior. Brethren:

The committee on Minutes of Synod offer the following items, claiming consideration at these Sessions:

Item 1, page 10. Refers to the attendance of Ministers and Delegates upon the Sessions of this General Convention of Synod.

Item 2, page 20. Refers to the preaching of special sermons on, and lifting offerings for the Foreign Mission cause.

Item 3, pages 20 and 21. Is a request to the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

Item 4, page 21. Is an overture to the Foreign Mission Board.

Item 5, page 21. Is an instruction to Synodic Board of Missions.

Item 6, page 24. Is the Synodical Assessments upon the Classes.

Item 7, page 30. Reiterates action of two years ago with reference to Church S. S. Literature.

Item 8, page 31. Urges Classes to furnish Sunday School Board with complete statistics.

Item 9, page 31. Refers to the Sabbath at the Columbian Exposition and Temperance.

Item 10, page 33. Refers to relief of Ministers.

Item 11, page 34. Refers to Missionary Guardian.

Item 12, page 35. Refers to Church Convention.

Item 13, page 36. Instructs Stated Clerk.

Item 14, page 36. Instructs Rev. Shuey as to excursion rates.

Item 15, page 36. Instructs S. C. as to S. S. statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

The action of Synod on this report is as follows: Item 1, was laid upon the table until Committee on Overtures report. In that report it was found the Ministers absent who neglected to send excuse for absence were Revs. Shaley, Bollinger, Novinger, Rettig, Kercher, Oplinger, Martin; Elders from Coneville, Anna, Orangeville, Cheney and Whitewater, Iola, Kansas City, Imogene. Item 2, adopted. Item 3, request was granted. 4, adopted. 5, complied with. 6 and 7, laid on table till Committee on Minutes of Classes report; found attended to. 8, attended to by Wichita Classis and others in part. 9, referred to Special Committee consisting Revs. S. A. Alt, F. M. Shults, Elder John Easterly; their report is found under Article XVIII. 10, reiterated and found in Article XVIII. 11, Synod expressed its approval of the MISSIONARY GUARDIAN and requests all Pastors and Elders to make every possible effort to increase its circulation. 12, attended to. 13, attended to and Stated Clerk instructed to print 1200 copies of Minutes of present year. 14, attended to. 15, Attended to and instructed to print S. S. statistics of present year.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The report was taken up by items and acted on as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to offer the following report:

I. SUBJECTS REFERRED BY SYNOD.

1. All the Classes adopted the suggestions and instructions of Synod.

II. REQUESTS.

1. Lincoln Classis request that Redfield charge be not considered in the apportionment.

2. Lincoln Classis requests Synod to confirm its actions at its last meeting, though it had no quorum.

3. Kansas Classis requests Synod to take some action that will bring about the use of Reformed S. S. Literature within the bounds of Synod.

4. Kansas Classis overtures Synod to take measures by which our publication interests may be more united.

III. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

1. Kansas Classis received Rev. J. A. Novinger from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio; H. S. Gekeler from St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio, and dismissed Rev. C. A. Santee to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.

2. Lincoln Classis received Licentiate P. E. Zartman from Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod, ordained him to the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Sioux City Mission.

3. Iowa Classis received Rev. J. C. Beade from St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod. Also restored to the Gospel Ministry G. H. Albright who had been suspended.

4. Illinois Classis received Rev. E. C. Rust from Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod.

5. Wichita Classis dismissed Rev. E. L. Kemp to Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod, and received Rev. S. A. Alt from St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod.

VI. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Kansas Classis neglected to enroll the name of H. Shumaker.

2. Illinois Classis neglected to send in statistics.

3. Lincoln Classis transacted business not having a quorum.

4. Wichita and Iowa Classis simply mention the town or village where they meet and omit the state.

5. Illinois Classis gives no roll of its members.

V. TIME AND PLACE OF ANNUAL SESSIONS OF CLASSES.

1. Illinois Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed church, Shelby county, Ill., on the Wednesday before the full moon in

May, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. D. N. Frantz, President; Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Stated Clerk; Rev. Joseph Sechler, Treasurer.

2. Kansas Classis will meet in annual session at Circleville, Kan., on the 1st Thursday before the 1st full moon after Easter, at 8 P. M. (April 27, 1893.) Rev. A. S. Dechant, President; Rev. G. W. Remagen, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. A. Novinger, Treasurer.

3. Lincoln Classis will meet in the Reformed church at Lincoln, Neb., on April 20, 1893, at 8 P. M. Rev. E. Erb, President; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk.

4. Iowa Classis will meet in Leighton, Iowa, time to be fixed by Officers of Classis. Rev. F. M. Shultz, President; Rev. G. D. Gurley, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

5. Wichita Classis will meet in Iola, Kas., on the 20th of April, 1893, fixed by Officers and Pastor loci. Rev. A. Casselman, President; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

F. WETZEL, Chairman.

The report was received and taken up by items. 1, was adopted. Under II., item 1 was granted. 2, action was confirmed. 3, Resolved, that all Sunday Schools are required to use our S. S. Literature. 4, referred to Committee on Publication. III. All items under this adopted and the restoration of G. H. Albright to the Ministry was confirmed. IV. Items adopted and the attention of the Classes called to them. Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to send for statistics of Illinois Classis and add the summary of Synod's statistics. All under V. were adopted and report adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

Your committee on Overtures would beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Item 1. Refers to the death of Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D.

Item 2. Is a communication from Rev. H. Shumaker, asking Synod to be excused for his absence from Synod.

Item 3. Is a letter from Rev. J. Wolbach, asking Synod to excuse him for his absence.

Item 4. Is a communication from the executive committee of the Board of General Synod, requesting Synod to retain Rev. D. B. Shuey as Superintendent of Missions, until the 1st of January, 1893, and if a superintendent is desired, to nominate a candidate or two for appointment.

Item 5. Is an invitation by the consistory, from the Reformed congregation of Dakota to Synod to meet at the next annual meeting in their church.

Item 6. Is a communication from Rev. D. N. Frantz, asking Synod to excuse Elder Isaac Reimer for his absence.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BAIR, Chairman.

Synod accepted the report and acted on it by items as follows: 1. A special committee was appointed to prepare resolutions: Revs. F. Wetzel and S. Ream, Elder Geo. P. Bowers. (See resolutions under XVIII.) 2 and 3. Requests granted. 4. This item was referred to a special committee, Revs. A. S. Dechant, J. W. Alspach, Elder Fred Isely. Report is given below. Item 5 was laid on table until select place of meeting. Item 6. Excuse granted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

The action of the Executive Committee of General Synod's Board of Home Missions which led to this committee is:

On motion Rev. D. B. Shuey be continued as Superintendent of the Synod of the Interior up to January 1st, 1893, and further, that the question as to the necessity for continuing a separate Superintendent for said Synod be referred to it for careful consideration, and if a Superintendent is deemed necessary it shall nominate to this Board one or more candidates for the position.

[Signed.]

E. R. ESCHBACH,
Secretary of Board.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren:

Your special committee on the Communication of the General Synod's Board of Missions to this body, offers the following recommendations for your adoption:

1. That it is the sense of this Synod that it is highly necessary to continue a separate Superintendent within her bounds.
2. That we overture the General Board to continue Rev. D. B. Shuey as our Superintendent until July 1st, 1893; and
3. That at the annual meeting of said Board in April, 1893, it appoint a man, who in its judgment will be of the most service in this great mission field, to take charge of the work on July 1st, 1893, and that we present the names of Rev. D. B. Shuey and Rev. A. Casselman, as candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. DECHANT, Chairman.

The report was discussed at considerable length and several items adopted and then adopted as a whole. The report, however, was some modified before adoption.

ARTICLE XI.

STATE OF RELIGION.

To the Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN.—In the good providence of God, we have been permitted to meet again in annual session to review the work of the past year, and to plan for future usefulness. We are a Synod scattered over a broad expanse of territory—from the Indiana state line on the east, to the Rocky Mountains on the west—taking in all of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado, six of the large states of the union. We are emphatically a Missionary Synod. Most of our charges are of comparatively recent organization. Coming upon the ground late, we have had to compete with strong and well established churches of other denominations, and it is not so easy to draw even our own rightful material into the small congregations, financially weak, with which we have had to begin. Our growth, though slow, has nevertheless been steady and encouraging under the many difficulties with which we have had

to contend. Considering the limited number of Ministers who could be induced to come west, and the small means at our command, we think we have done well, and that the outlook is promising.

That there is abundance of material, especially among the Germans and their descendants, both in city and country, from which can be built up strong and flourishing congregations, we have no doubt. This work cannot, however, be done in a day, or a few years. It will require long, patient and persevering labor. What we need now are men and means to enlarge our operations, and these we must have, come from where they may.

The classical reports all speak more or less encouragingly, tho' in numerical increase, we have not made the progress desirable. The Ministry of the Synod, as a body, have labored faithfully, and we doubt not are a mighty power for good in their respective fields. The west needs our conservative gospel teaching and methods of work, in the midst of the fanaticism and unbelief of the masses. Wherever our Ministers faithfully hold aloft the Reformed standards, and are true to the life and spirit of the gospel, as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, they exert an influence that is like leaven in the lump of meal. With our educational institutions well sustained, and a theological teaching force, in at least one of them, there is no reason why we may not contribute our full share toward winning the west to Christ.

There is so much of subjectivism in the theology of what is regarded orthodox par excellence, and so much of ministering to the flesh in the methods of work in the west, that preachers of the gospel who emphasize the importance of the objective and sacramental in Christianity, and whose ways of working are scriptural and orderly, are badly needed.

We believe that a part of the mission of our church in this western country, is to do what we can to lead the people into the good old paths of Reformed faith and practice; or rather we should say, Gospel truth and practice. It may be repeated, that our influence in this regard has been beneficial to the general cause of Christianity as well as to our own people.

The past few years the middle western states have lost numerically very largely by migration to the extreme northwest and southwest, while comparatively few emigrants have settled among us, except in the larger cities. This "stand still" in growth of population has of course affected our growth as a church, preventing large accessions. We believe, how-

ever, that the tide is again turning in our favor and that our fertile prairies will bring back many who have left us and many others seeking homes in the west.

We are glad to note that nearly all our charges are now supplied with regular pastors. Especially do we rejoice that Sioux City, so long vacant, has taken a new lease of life under the lead of Bro. Zartman. We are also hopeful of Kansas City mission, and trust that a bright day is near for it. We are encouraged to believe that Chicago will soon find a suitable man who will make an English mission in that great city a success. Illinois Classis reports one new church built, and a new congregation added to its roll. Kansas Classis has also organized a new congregation at St. Joe, which promises well under Bro. Gekeler.

The missionary cause is generally in a healthy state of progress throughout the bounds of the Synod, as is evidenced by the missionary conventions held, and the activity of congregational missionary societies in the Classes. The work of the Sunday School has received the attention it merits. About all our congregations have a large lay force engaged in this most important cause. Our pastors have all enjoyed good health so far as we know except Bro. Novinger, who for a time has been disabled.

The sad intelligence of the death of Rev. Dr. Mease, who has been an invalid and without charge for years, came to us a few months ago. As a special committee will report upon it, we will only add in the language of holy writ "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

With profound gratitude to the God of Providence and grace for His goodness and mercy to us as individuals and as a Synod, we close.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, Chairman.

The report was adopted. For statistics see appendix.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your Board of Missions would beg leave to submit the following as their report:

During the year the Board held two meetings, at which time

we endeavored to consider carefully the interest of the work committed to our care. The missions under the care of the Board, up to the time when they were transferred to the General Synod's Board, were doing well. The missionaries were all paid in full up to the time the transfer was made, which took effect on the 19th of April, 1892. The term of Elder J. H. Brown expires with the meeting of this Synod, and as Rev. C. A. Santee has been dismissed and moved from the bounds of this Synod; that Synod fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. As the work of missions has not been decreased by the transfer of our missions to the General Synod's Board and the need of funds no less, but rather greater from what we have learned; as other new points are continually brought to our notice. The Board would recommend that at least 50 cents per member, within the bounds of this Synod be assessed for the ensuing year, to aid in the Lord's work.

The Board examined and adopted the Superintendent's and Treasurer's reports, and herewith submit them as a part of our report. Inasmuch as the relation, duties and powers of this Board to the General Synod's Board have not been defined by the Synod, therefore

Resolved, That the relation shall be advisory and that the duties and powers are to look up new points and to bring them to the notice and care of the Board of General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BAIR, President of Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Interior:

During the past year this Synod has had 22 regular missions, with four others which have not yet been regularly placed on the list. Of these Abilene, Imogene, Iola, Kansas City, Leighton, Lisbon, Liscomb, Maquoketa, Sioux City and Wichita were formerly under the Bi-Synodic Board; Altamont, Damascus, Fairview, Hiawatha, Lincoln, Lyons, New Basil and Wathena under the General Board and Anna, Cheney and Whitewater, Dakota, Emporia, Holton and Circleville, Otis and Wells under the Board of this Synod. St. Joseph is a new mission.

It is very gratifying that this whole list is now under the General Board and many misunderstandings and much confusion is therefore avoided. In union there is strength, and this union of the mission work should give new zeal to all our

pastoral charges and missions in this Synod for more effectual work.

Of these missions, Leighton became self supporting, New Basil which was on the mission roll but one year has returned to its self supporting state and Scotia, a mission point which was organized last year has been added to the charge, while Wathena has been dismissed by its own request to a German Classis. Deducting these three congregations, leaves 40 congregations as missions, with 1,445 members; 274 new members were received while there were 106 losses. The contributions for congregational purposes amounted to \$9,752, or \$6.75 per member. For benevolent purposes \$1,664 was contributed or \$1.15 per member. While this generous work is praiseworthy no doubt the coming year will show large gains in benevolence. There is also a likelihood that several of these missions will become self supporting in another year. Stonington, Ill., was organized and built a new church. Although this is not a mission, yet it received considerable services from your Superintendent.

There is a spirit of restlessness among the western people. New fields must be explored. New homes must be established. But these frequent emigrations from place to place are questionable. This restlessness is also found in our missions. Some of the Ministers desire to change to other places while perhaps in some cases the people desire the Minister to change. This causes frequent vacancies, which sometimes are difficult to fill, and the mission seriously suffers by such vacancy. The same difficulty is experienced among the members. While the missionary has labored faithfully to gather members, he constantly meets surprises in finding some of his members, perhaps some of his best, moving away, probably to places where our church is not established.

The Anna charge which was to have been divided is still served by one pastor. Fairview built a new parsonage during the past year and Hiawatha is greatly enlarging its parsonage. Iola will become vacant December 1st, the pastor having resigned. Kansas City has been vacant since August 1st. Sioux City after a long vacancy is now supplied with a missionary. The Holton mission has not yet secured a missionary. A new S. S. was organized July 14th, at Emporia, and the members of the mission are greatly encouraged. Lately some Reformed people have come to Emporia while others from other places are in attendance at the State Normal School, who take interest in the S. S. and church. Another school was organized last spring at Lower Banner S. H., 3½ miles from Holton.

There is no more auspicious time to push the mission work of our church in the city of Chicago than the coming year, when the Columbian Exposition will be in progress and thousands of Reformed people will visit that city, while perhaps many others will temporarily reside there. And while Synod has now resolved to hold its next annual meeting in that city as well as to take preliminary steps looking to the holding of a Reformed Alliance, every member of this Synod should feel it his special privilege to do all in his power to make both meetings a success, and give all proper assistance financially and by information of members living there, in effectually organizing our church at said point. Denver, Col., is also a place ripe for our church and must be taken hold of very shortly.

The prospects of Otis, our Russian Mission, are encouraging. A number of new families have come from Russia. This strengthens the congregation. More attention is also paid to teaching the young people of the congregation in the scripture and in the catechism. There is quite a little settlement of Reformed people at Ransom, Ness Co., Kansas, 50 miles west of Otis, which could be united with Otis in having a missionary. A number of services have been held and their children baptised. The Missionary Convention of Northern Illinois was a great success. The mission work in the bounds of the whole Synod is quite encouraging with a few exceptions. To God be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Superintendent.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Interior:

A. CASSELMAN, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions.

HOME MISSIONS.

		DR.	
1891.			
Oct. 16.	To balance on hand.....	\$	295 75
"	Cash per S. P. Harrington.....		5 00
" 23.	Kansas Classis per C. A. Santee, treasurer.....		17 08
Nov. 20.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, treasurer.....		5 28
1892.			
Jan. 4.	Kansas Classis per C. A. Santee, treasurer....		16 08
" 13.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....		14 00
" 15.	" " " " " ".....		7 25
Feb. 5.	Wichita W. M. S. per J. W. Love.....		20 00

Feb. 5.	Iola per receipt D. B. Shuey.....	5 00
" 13.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	14 75
" 20.	" " " " " ".....	7 00
" 25.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley.....	5 00
Mch. 15.	" " Mrs. ".....	4 00
Apr. 14.	Kansas Classis per C. A. Santee, treasurer.....	14 27
" 25.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	15 00
" 26.	" " " " " ".....	28 47
" 29.	Kansas Classis per C. A. Santee, treasurer.....	41 13
" "	" " " " " ".....	12 70
May 7.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley.....	9 46
May 17.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	51 56
June 22.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, treasurer.....	47 25
July 9.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	15 42
" 30.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, treasurer.....	3 06
Aug. 22.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley.....	12 37
Sep. 8.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	69 80
" 24.	Lincoln Classis per T. F. Stauffer, treasurer.....	49 90
Oct. 20.	Leighton S. S. per J. H. Baser.....	6 50
" 20.	Lincoln Classis per T. F. Stauffer, treasurer.....	1 73
" 20.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	37 85
Total.....		\$ 832 07

1892

CR.

Jan. 6.	J. Wolbach, sal. to Jan. 1st.....	50 00
" 9.	F. Wetzel " ".....	25 00
" 10.	S. A. Alt " ".....	62 50
Feb. 5.	W. H. Seibert per W. E. Shaley.....	5 00
" 9.	D. S. Fouse, Supt. of Miss.....	16 56
Apr. 12.	J. Wolbach, sal. to April 1st.....	50 00
" 12.	S. A. Alt " ".....	62 50
" 12.	F. Wetzel " ".....	25 00
" 12.	Bank exchange and postage.....	50
May 19.	D. S. Fouse, Supt. of Miss.....	44 71
July 2.	Chas. Santee, Treasurer General Board.....	112 56
Sep. 12.	" " " " " ".....	69 80
" 24.	J. F. Butler, balance on salary.....	25 00
Oct. 11.	Chas. Santee, Treasurer General Board.....	164 32
" 11.	Bank Draft.....	10
" 21.	Balance in hand.....	119 12

Total	\$ 832 07
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1892.

DR.

Apr. 1.	Abilene per C. A. Santee.....	\$ 5 00
" 1.	Lyons.....	5 00
May 10.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	11 00
June 22.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, treasurer.....	5 00

July 20.	" " " " " "	15 00
Sep. 24.	Lincoln Classis per T. F. Stauffer, treasurer.....	1 55
Oct. 5.	" " " " " "	5 00
" 20.	Leighton S. S. per J. H. Buser	12 60
Total.....		\$ 60 15
1892.	CR.	
July 20.	By cash to J. L. Lemberger.....	41 00
Oct. 21.	Balance in hand.....	19 15
Total.....		\$ 60 15

HARBOR MISSIONS.

1892.	DR.	
Oct. 13.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	\$ 4 28

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

1891.	DR.	
Oct. 16.	Balance in hand.....	\$ 5 55
" 23.	Kansas Classis per C. A. Santee, treasurer	12 00
Nov. 20.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, "	1 00
" 20.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley	2 00
1892.		
Feb. 25.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley.....	5 00
Mch. 3.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, treasurer.....	2 50
" 3.	Kansas Classis per C. A. Santee, "	1 65
May 16.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, "	6 00
June 4.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, "	1 44
" 12.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, "	1 16
" 22.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, "	4 84
July 30.	" " " " " "	3 15
Sep. 1.	Liscomb charge	1 12
" 17.	Lyons charge	2 75
" 24.	Lincoln Classis per T. F. Stauffer.....	3 66
Oct. 13.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer.....	6 55
" 20.	" " " " " "	2 76
Total		\$ 63 13

1891.	CR.	
Oct. 16.	By cash to D. S. Fouse	5 55
1892.		
Feb. 9.	By cash to D. S. Fouse.....	15 00
" 25.	Chas. Santee per Tipton.....	5 00
May 19.	D. S. Fouse, Supt. Miss.....	10 15
July 2.	Chas. Santee, Treas. Miss	7 44
Oct. 11.	" " " "	10 68
" 21.	Balance in hand	9 31
Total		\$ 63 13

CHURCH EXTENSION.

1891.	DR.	
Oct. 16.	To balance on hand	12 70
Nov. 20.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, treasurer	1 00
" 20.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley	3 00
1892.		
Mch. 3.	Kansas Classis per C. A. Santee, treasurer	7 20
Apr. 28.	Wichita per J. W. Love,	6 50
May 16.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer	14 00
June 4.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, "	90
" 12.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, "	2 90
" 22.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, "	2 64
July 30.	" " " " " "	2 34
Sept. 1.	Liscomb charge	2 80
" 17.	Lyons charge	4 55
" 24.	Lincoln Classis per T. F. Stauffer, treasurer	2 30
Oct. 13.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, "	6 55
" 20.	" " " " " "	4 60
Total		\$ 73 98

1891.	CR.	
Oct. 10.	By cash to D. S. Fouse	12 70
1892.		
Feb. 9.	" " "	4 00
May 19.	" " "	27 70
Sep. 17.	" " "	16 13
Oct. 21.	Balance in hand	13 45
Total		\$ 73 98

SUMMARY.

Home Missions	832 67
Church Extension	73 98
Hungarian Missions	63 19
Foreign Missions	60 15
Harbor Missions	4 28
Total	\$1,034 27

CR.	
Home Missions	710 64
Church Extension	60 53
Hungarian Missions	54 82
Foreign Missions	41 00
Balance in hand	167 28
Total	\$1,034 27

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa., Sept. 23, 1892.

Reverend and Dear Brethren:

In the absence of a formal authorized report by the Board, which will be in full presented to the General Synod next spring, I beg leave to present to your Reverend body, a very general statement of the present condition and outlook of our missionary work in Japan.

It is with profound gratitude to God, that I am able to say that our work in Sendai is moving forward with indeed unexpected success. Ever since the establishment of our institutions for the raising up of a native ministry, our work has been largely preparative. It requiring several years before the students could be conducted through the necessary educational course. This fall the first class completed its course, and henceforth we may expect annual reinforcements to our band of native evangelistic workers. The training school had had a body of some 35 to 40 students up until the completion of our new Seminary building. Since the occupancy of this new building during the last scholastic year, the number of students has increased at a surprising rate, till it reached its maximum number of 119. Thirty-eight of these are candidates for the Christian Ministry. Of the whole number, 61 are Christians. This unlooked for increase in the number of students, forced the Board, even without the necessary funds in sight, in faith to send out another missionary teacher, to relieve our greatly overburdened missionaries Hoy and Schneder, in the person of Rev. Henry K. Miller, who is now on his way to San Francisco, Cal., whence he expects to sail for Japan on the 27th inst. With these three fully equipped American teachers, in whose hands will be the branches which relate both directly and more remotely to our holy christianity, aided by several native teachers of the secular branches, the Board believes the force of teachers will be sufficiently strong for the present wants of our school.

We have not had so large an increase of students in the girls' school. The number being as per last report, 43. A considerable inflow of new scholars is expected during the coming term. Since Miss Hollowell has been added, the teaching force is considered adequate to the present wants of the school.

During the last several years, the labors of our mission have, as already said, been largely devoted to the preparatory work

of raising up a force of evangelistic workers. As a consequence, evangelistic work proper, has received only partial attention. Bro. Moore being the only one to whom this department was committed, Bros. Hoy and Schneder rendering such help on Saturdays and Sundays as their oppressive labors as teachers in the training school permitted. Now, however, that workers are coming out of our school, the grand aim of our work, viz.: to win souls to Christ, is expected to go forward with new and growing activity. It is very clear then, that with increased activity and more widely extended labor in this department, it will become necessary in the near future to reinforce this branch of work, by sending out one or two additional American evangelists, to labor in and supervise this department, manned as it largely will be by those who in reality are but babes in Christ themselves.

Thus with the blessing of God's Spirit is our work and field of service rapidly growing in our hands. The anxious question, now more than ever before, is coming to oppress us, "Will the home Church sufficiently respond to this clear and loud call of God?" He has graciously blessed us and prospered us in our day of small things, will we now with growing and brightening opportunities, rise to our opportunities and go forward under the leadership of Him who has promised to be with us always unto the end of the world?

Dear brethren in the Lord, the Board appeals to you in the Saviour's precious name, to adopt such measures as will serve to so quicken the zeal of our Ministers and members, as will enable it to press forward in the winning of souls, and in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom even unto the ends of the earth.

Your Brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions would offer the following report for your adoption:

We have had referred to us a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D. It is so important for the information of our people that we hereby recommend its publication in full in our minutes, believing that it will speak more convincingly than anything we could say.

We further recommend:

1. That all our Pastors by means of special sermons and monthly concerts on missions and circulation of literature keep the members informed on the exigency of Foreign Missions, and urge upon our people to make liberal offerings to this great cause.

2. That by Congregational, Classical, and Synodical Societies we do all that is possible to aid in raising larger means to carry on the work in Japan.

3. That we lay it upon the hearts and consciences of those having ample means to give by the hundreds and thousands to aid our Girls' School and theological seminary at Sendai, Japan, believing that the winning of Japan to Christ must come largely through educated christian women and trained native Christian Ministers.

To meet the recommendations of the Board of Missions, of the General Superintendent's report and our own Superintendent's report of Home Mission, we would say:

We have read with deep interest the able and full report of Rev. Dr. Fouse, the General Synod's Superintendent. It would be superfluous to attempt to give even an epitome of its valuable contents. As it has already been published for general distribution, all our pastors and churches should get copies of it and inform themselves as to the important matter it contains:

We would recommend further:

1. That this Synod continue to apportion through the Classes and Consistories 50 cents per member for the general Synod's regular work; 3 cents per member for Hungarian Missions, and 5 cents per member for church erection purposes.

2. That the General Board be and is hereby overtured to establish missions in as many of the cities and larger towns of our Synodical territory as possible, especially Omaha and Des Moines, at as early a date as men and means can be procured to do so; since we have a large number of people of Reformed blood and training all over the west which no other church can reach so well, and since our Divine Lord lays upon us as well as upon others to cultivate our portion of this vast western field, soon to be the center of a great population, as it is now the geographical center of the U. S.

3. That we pledge the General Board our hearty co operation in all ways possible in addition to our pecuniary support.

4. That we recognize in Women's Missionary Societies a helpmate by which we may double our energy and ability to

provide for the religious needs of our waste places in Zion, and to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom in the home field.

5. That we are sincerely thankful for the presence of Rev. Dr. Moore and Mrs. Moore, two of our efficient Foreign Missionaries; also of Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, the able president of the W. H. M. S. of the General Synod, and of so many of the ladies of our charges at this meeting of Synod; and that we hereby implore the Divine blessing upon them all personally and upon their good work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, Chairman.

The report was acted on by items and after the adoption of the separate items the report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

FINANCE.

The report of Treasurer of Synod in his absence was read by Rev. J. W. Love and referred to Committee on Finance.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. HENRY BROWN, *in account with Synod of the Interior, Reformed Church in the United States:*

DR.

To balance from last year.....	\$ 102 29	
To Illinois Classical apportionment	38 25	
To Iowa " " 	43 55	
To Kansas " " 	30 60	
To Wichita " " 	18 60	
To Lincoln " " 	-\$233 29
For Hungarian Mission Fund	\$ 3 00	
For Bethany Orphans' Home Fund	1 10	
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Balance from last year	4 10-	4 10
1892.		
Sep. 26. For Butler Orphans' Home Fund		
per T. F. Stauffer	\$ 1 43	
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Total	\$ 238 82	

1891.		C R.	
Oct. 17.	For S. S. statistic blanks, per Rev. G. D. Gurley	\$	1 25
" 17.	Hungarian Missions, per Rev. D. S. Fouse		3 00
" 19.	Programmes of Synodical S. S. convention of '91, per Rev. T. F. Stauffer		2 50
" 19.	Services of sexton per J. W. Jones.		5 00
Nov. 2.	Harbor Missions, per Chas. Santee		15 40
Dec. 10.	Printing of Minutes per Rev G. D. Gurley		50 00
" 10.	On salary of Stated Clerk per Rev. G. D. Gurley		25 00
" 26.	Printing and Expressage of Minutes Rev. G. D. Gurley		28 50
" 31.	Contingent expenses of General Synod per C. G. Gross		20 00
" 31.	Bethany Orphans' Home per C. G. Gross		1 10
1892.			
Sep. 26.	Salary of Stated Clerk for year ending Oct. 19, 1892 per Rev. G. D. Gurley		10 00
" 26.	St. Paul's Orphans' Home per B. Wolfe, Jr		1 43—\$163 18
To Balance			75 64
Respectfully submitted,			
J. HENRY BROWN, Treasurer.			

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following report:

The documents coming to our notice were reports of Treasurer of Board of Education, of Treasurer of Synod, and of Board of Home Missions.

The Committee audited these reports and found them correct.

The Treasurer of Synod reports a balance from last year of \$102.29, receipts \$136.53, total \$238.82. Paid out \$163.18. Balance in hand \$75.64.

For contingent fund, all claims paid in full except Lincoln Classis, which paid nothing. Received for this purpose \$131.00. All debts of Synod have been paid.

For Orphan work there was received \$2.53, and for Hungarian Missions \$3.00.

The Treasurer of Board of Beneficiary Education reports a balance from last year of \$103.66, receipts \$74.90, making a total of \$178.56, all of which is still in treasury.

The Treasurer of Board of Home Missions reports a balance from last year of \$314.00, receipts \$720.27, total \$1,034.27.

For Home Missions strictly speaking there was a balance from previous year of \$295.75, receipts \$536.92, total \$832.67. Paid out \$713.55. Balance in treasury \$119.12.

For Church Extension there was a balance in hand of \$12.70, receipts \$61.28, total \$73.98. Paid out \$60.53. Balance in hand \$13.45.

For Hungarian Missions there was a balance in treasury of \$5.55, receipts \$57.58, total \$63.13. Paid out \$53.82. Balance in treasury \$9.31.

For Harbor Missions there was received \$4.28 which is still in treasury.

For Foreign Missions there was received during the year \$60.15, paid out \$41.00, leaving a balance in treasury of \$19.15.

Apportionments for the coming year are at the following rates:

PER MEMBER.

Contingent Fund.....	Six Cents.
Beneficiary Education	Five Cents.
Church Extension	Five Cents.
Hungarian Missions	Three Cents.
Home Missions	Fifty Cents.

Following are apportionments for Classes:

CLASSES.	Contingent Fund.	Home Mission.	Beneficiary Education.	Church Extension.	Hungarian Missions.	Special.	TOTAL.
Illinois.....	49 62	413 50	41 35	41 35	24 81	10 00	\$ 480 63
Kansas.....	32 64	272 00	27 20	27 20	16 32	20 00	395 36
Iowa.....	50 82	423 50	42 35	42 35	25 41	15 00	599 43
Wichita.....	21 66	180 50	18 05	18 05	10 83	25 00	274 09
Lincoln.....	11 88	99 00	9 90	9 90	5 94	5 00	141 62
	\$166 62	\$1388 50	\$128 85	\$128 85	\$83 31	\$75 00	\$ 1,891 13

The special appropriation is for the purpose of reimbursing Treasurer Synod for paying Prof. Alt's salary.

Resolved, That Lincoln Classis pay its portion of the Contingent Fund at earliest possible date.

WHEREAS, There is still some confusion in reporting funds.

Resolved, That we reiterate this action of last year, that all monies for Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Hungarian Missions and Harbor Missions be paid to the Treasurer of Board of Home Missions. That funds for Beneficiary Education be paid to Treasurer of Board of Education, and that funds for Current Expenses, Orphans' Home and any other special fund be paid to the Treasurer of Synod.

WHEREAS, The Treasurer of Synod in his report of disbursements has only mentioned the persons to whom monies were paid and not the purpose.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to insert the purpose for which such monies were paid, and that Treasurers be urged always to insert in their reports the cause for which, as well as the persons to whom monies are paid.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON, Chairman.

The report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

This Board held two meetings during the year. At its first the Board elected its officers for the year. At the second the work of the year was considered and this report adopted.

The term of Elder J. Henry Brown expires with this meeting of Synod.

The Minutes of Synod were published as ordered by Synod and the expenses incurred thereby were promptly paid.

The Otis Parsonage was rented last winter, and vacant most of the summer, but is now again occupied at the regular rent of five dollars per month. The property is in good condition but some improvements have to be made shortly. We also submit the financial account of the parsonage.

OTIS PARSONAGE ACCOUNT.

1891.

Oct. 14.	Balance on hand	\$ 26 28
Nov. 16.	Louis Schaumburg, rent	10 00

1892.				
Feb.	8.	Louis Schaumburg, rent	10	00
Mch.	7.	" " "	5	00
Apr.	6.	" " "	5	00
Aug.	28.	Henry Korell, "	5	00
Oct.	17.	" " "	10	00
"	17.	C. G. Gertz, collected for July, 1892..	5	00
Total.....				\$76 28

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

The report was adopted without reference.

ARTICLE XIV.

EDUCATION.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

To the Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Another year has passed and another mile-stone has been gained for this institution of the Synod. The school was successfully conducted during the scholastic year by its lessees, and at the end of the year, four students graduated from the academic department and three from the business department, and to these the Board with the Faculty issued suitable diplomas.

Prof. Mathes having received an offer for school work at another place, he desired to be relieved from his obligations to the Board. Prof. Miller being willing to assume the terms of the lease alone, the Board so agreed, and Prof. Miller labored faithfully during the vacation in advertising the institution and soliciting patronage, advertising in 101 newspapers, issued a splendid catalogue and made a personal canvass for students and we are gratified to report that the institution opened this fall with very bright prospects indeed, notwithstanding several other institutions opened about the same time in Wichita. It appears that our institution has made a favorable impression on the people and has established a reputation for solid school work which has gone abroad and more new students have entered this fall than at any previous time.

The finances of the institution have not improved much ex-

cept that we paid off part of our floating debts and have made necessary repairs to the building. The case against the five bondsmen which has been resting in the supreme court for the last two and a half years was argued before that court on the 5th of this month, but the decision has not yet been handed down. It is also feared that on account of the depreciation of the values of properties, some loss will be sustained in our endowment fund. Several mortgages had to be foreclosed and the institution had to take the properties, while in one case at least they were able to collect the full amount of the mortgage with interest at 8, 10 and 12 per cent. on a personal judgment in foreclosure amounting to over \$2,000. Most of the mortgages now held are good and paying regular interest. If real estate will soon advance again our loss may be trifling. But we are not worse off than any other parties loaning money in Kansas in the past five years, for they all sustained losses.

The Board urges the Synod to take such action as shall soon give us a theological department in Wichita University. The need of more missionaries for this Synod is recognized by all. The proper way to supply this want is to utilize our own material which could be accomplished by such a theological department. We request that the Synod take this matter under consideration at this meeting. A catalogue of the institution is herewith submitted for your inspection.

To fill vacancies the Board makes the following nominations: W. H. Ranch, D. S. Stover, Rev. A. S. Dechant and John Royer of the Reformed Church and J. H. C. Brewer and B. H. Aldrich not of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The Board has not yet been reimbursed for the aid extended to Mr. John Kelchner who abandoned his studies, but earnest effort has been made with some prospect of success.

Individuals, members of the Wichita Classis, made application for an appropriation of \$100 to Mr. John Kahm, a student in the Freshman Class of Wichita University, who desires to study for the Holy Ministry. The Board agrees that said appropriation be allowed so soon as Mr. Kahm shall place himself properly under Wichita Classis and furnish a satisfactory bond to the Board.

The Board also decided that it be the rule of the Board that no aid will be extended to a student for the ministry until he has at least passed the preparatory course and is ready to enter the Freshman Class.

The Board is conscious of the fact, that our funds on hand, and the income at the present rate will deprive us of doing much in extending aid to worthy students for the ministry. We urge each charge, to pay into our treasury, the full amount of its apportionment for Beneficiary Education.

The term of Rev. J. W. Love expires with this meeting of Synod.

By order of the Board this report is respectfully submitted.
D. B. SHUEY, President.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

REPORT OF J. W. LOVE, TREASURER.

In account with the Board of Beneficiary Education of the Synod of the Interior, at Lisbon, Iowa, October, 1892.

1891.		DR.		
Oct. 16.	Balance on hand at last meeting of Synod			\$ 103 66
" 17.	Rev. T. F. Stauffer, treasurer of Lincoln Classis			3 75
" 24.	" C. A. Santee, " Kansas "			6 39
Nov. 18.	" D. B. Shuey, " Wichita "			2 30
1892.				
Mch. 3.	" C. A. Santee, " Kansas "			4 76
Apr. 25.	" D. S. Stover, " Wichita "			4 00
May 17.	" Jos. Sechler, " Illinois "			11 00
June 15.	" J. A. Novinger, " Kansas "			3 60
July 29.	" " " " " "			9 85
Aug. 5.	" D. B. Shuey, " Wichita "			6 50
" 20.	" S. Ream, " Iowa "			2 80
" 20.	Interest on money loaned			4 00
Sep. 29.	Rev. T. F. Stauffer, treasurer of Lincoln Classis			6 10
Oct. 20.	" J. H. Buser, treasurer of Iowa Classis Womens' Mission Society, Leighton charge			1 25
" 20.	Rev. S. P. Harrington, Maquoketa charge			4 00
" 20.	" Jos. Sechler, treasurer Illinois Classis			4 60
" 20.	In treasury			\$ 178 56

No money has been paid out as we have had no students under the care of the Board.

Your Treasurer on Aug. 20, 1892. bought a note secured by mortgage for \$175, interest at six per cent., which is guaranteed by the Knight Investment Co., of Wichita, Kas.

I have not been able to collect the amount due from Mr. John Kelchner, late Beneficiary student who has withdrawn from our church, and claims to be doing mission work in another church. Efforts are being made by his bondsmen to collect with prospects of success.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. LOVE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

The report of the Board of Beneficiary Education, and also that of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, were placed in our hands, and require Synodical action.

From the Board of Beneficiary Education we learn that no students were under the care of the Board during the year. There is, however, an applicant for aid in the Freshman Class in the person of Mr. John Kahm, who desires to study for the ministry.

We recommend:

1. That so soon as Mr. Kahm places himself under the care of Wichita Classis and furnishes a satisfactory bond to the Board, he be allowed an appropriation of \$100. To this end we recommend further,

2. That an apportionment of five cents per member be made for the cause of Beneficiary Education. With reference to the case of Mr. John Kelchner who received aid to the extent of \$90, but who has now abandoned his studies, we recommend

3. That the matter be left discretionary with Board as to whether they shall at once take action to recover this amount from Mr. Kelchner or his bondsmen, or for the present to allow it to rest in statu quo.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, we learn that the school has been conducted successfully by its lessees during the past collegiate year. Seven students were graduated—four from the academic and three from the business departments. The statement is also made that Prof. Mathes has been relieved from his obligations to the Board, and that Prof. Miller has assumed the terms of the lease alone. We note with pleasure the efforts Prof. Miller is making through the press and otherwise to give prominence to the institution and soliciting for it a larger patronage. As a result

of such advertisement the school opened this fall with encouraging prospects, and with a larger accession of new students than at any previous time in its history.

The finances of the institution are not in as good condition, however, as could be desired. On account of the depreciation of property values, some loss will be sustained in the endowment fund; the supreme court case is still pending, and by the foreclosure of several mortgages the Board was compelled to take back the properties. On the other hand some necessary repairs have been made to the building; a part of the floating debt has been cancelled, and most of the remaining mortgages are paying annual interest.

The Board also calls the attention of Synod to the advisability of establishing a theological department in connection with the University; that if more men are to be had for our western fields, a western theological school can as well, or better, supply the demand.

In view of the apparent necessity of such a department the committee therefore recommend the following action:

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of Wichita University be authorized to open a theological department as soon as the services of one or more Professors can be secured.

5. *Resolved*, That collections be taken annually in all our congregations for the use of Northern Illinois College or the Wichita University, each congregation to be allowed to designate to which of these institutions their offerings shall go.

Respectfully submitted,

S. REAM, Chairman.

This report was considered by items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, adopted. Item 6 was referred to a special committee: Revs. D. S. Fouse, F. M. Shults, Elder ———.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEM 6.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of the \$75 to be paid to Prof. Alt, of Wichita University, would respectfully report as follows:

We would recommend that the Treasurer of the Synod be instructed to pay out of the Contingent Fund of Synod to Prof. Alt, \$15 per month for the next five months, beginning with Nov. 1st, 1892.

In order to make up this money, we further recommend that in addition to the regular assessment for contingent expenses the following assessment be made upon the Classes:

Wichita Classis	\$ 25 00
Kansas " 	20 00
Iowa " 	15 00
Illinois " 	10 00
Lincoln " 	5 00
Total	<hr/> \$ 75 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE, Chairman.

The report of the committee was adopted.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

To the Synod of the Interior:

BRETHREN.—As a Board of Sunday School Work, we beg leave to offer this our annual report for your consideration:

No meetings have been held during the year. The President of the Board has done all the business of the Board as best he could.

Statistics have been sent in by the proper officials from the different Classes. These are found to be much more complete than in former years, yet they are by no means what they should be. This is especially the case with Kansas Classis—the Stated Clerk giving but three items, viz.: No. of Sunday Schools, teachers and scholars. Rev. D. B. Shuey, who serves three congregations within the bounds of this Classis, sent in complete statistics from two schools under his spiritual oversight, viz.: Circleville and Lower Banner schools, in Jackson county, Kansas.

The Stated Clerk of Illinois Classis complains of the want of suitable blanks. The reports sent in are not similar in reporting No. of teachers and officers. Hence we found it necessary to adopt the plan as presented in the accompanying Statistical Report—counting teachers and officers in the same column.

We have prepared a program for the Sunday School meeting during the sessions of this Synod. The following topics are proposed:

1. The Home, the Church, the Sunday School; their relation in moral culture—Rev. A. Casselman.
2. Our Pastors, and what they owe to denominational Sunday School work—Rev. H. Bair.

Opening addresses shall not exceed 20 minutes each, to be followed in five minute voluntary speeches.

The Board would urge Synod to adopt such action as will serve to develop the best results in Sunday School work within the bounds of Synod, and secure complete reports from the proper officials.

The Board again calls attention to the fact that Prof. E. L. Kemp has left the bounds of Synod and has not resigned as a member of this Board and has never acted with the Board. We also call attention to the fact that Rev. Chas. Santee, a member of the Board has removed from the bounds of Synod.

The term of service of T. F. Stauffer expires with this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully presents the following for your consideration:

The report of the Board is by no means encouraging, and when we compare the statistics of the current year with those of the last three years we find a reason for discouragement. It is evident that the table is far from representing the true condition of our Sunday School work. The greatest reason for this undoubtedly is that the Synodical blanks were not in the hands of the pastors. Therefore your committee would recommend—

1. That these blanks be sent to the Pastors at least 30 days before the meeting of Classis.
2. That the statistics be presented to the Classis for adoption and presented to this Synod from the respective Classes in their minutes.
3. That the meetings in the interest of the Sunday Schools

at our Synodical sessions be dispensed with, except those on the Lord's day.

4. We call attention of Synod to the fact that there are four unexpired years of the term of Rev. C. A. Santee, three unexpired years of the term of Rev. E. L. Kemp, and that the term of Rev. T. F. Stauffer expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. DECHANT, Chairman.

The report after consideration by items was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XVI.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION.

The committee on Nominations reported on Saturday a. m. The report was accepted and they were instructed to have 100 tickets printed and election was held on Saturday evening.

The members elected to different Boards are marked by a *.

BOARDS.

Missions.—Rev. H. Bair, Pres., 1 year; Rev. A. Casselman, Treas., 3 years; Rev. S. Ream, 4 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer*, 2 years; Elder J. H. Brown, 5 years.

Beneficiary Education.—Rev. D. B. Shuey, Pres., 3 years; Rev. J. W. Love*, Treas., 5 years; Rev. G. D. Gurley, 1 year; Rev. J. W. Alspach, 4 years; Elder Fred. Isely, 2 years.

Board of Orphans' Homes.—Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Pres., 4 years; Rev. D. N. Frantz, 3 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 1 year; Rev. F. M. Shults*, 5 years; Elder J. H. Brown, 2 years.

Board of S. S. Work.—Rev. P. E. Zartman*, 5 years; Rev. G. D. Gurley*, 4 years; Rev. G. W. Remagen*, 3 years; Elder J. Sweinhart, 2 years; Elder J. Miller, 1 year.

Board of Trustees of Synod.—Rev. D. B. Shuey, Pres., 4 years; Rev. J. Sechler, 3 years; Rev. G. D. Gurley, 2 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 1 year; Elder J. H. Brown*, 5 years.

Trustees of Wichita University.—W. H. Ranch*, Rev. A. S. Dechant*, J. H. C. Brewer*.

ARTICLE XVII.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORPHANS' HOMES.

To the Synod of the Interior:

The Board of Orphans' Homes beg leave to offer this annual

report, hoping that Synod will take such action as will result in practical efficiency to the benefit of the cause represented by the Board.

There were placed in the hands of the Board, reports from the superintendents of Bethany, St. Paul's and Fort Wayne Orphan Homes. From these we learn the following facts:

Bethany Orphan Home; present number of children in the Home, 91; only two of these are boarding pupils, the others are dependent upon the Church for support. Seven orphans were confirmed in connection with the spring communion. The Home has its own church, also has a Sunday School, has two schools, graded. Four of the orphans passed the county teacher's examination, but are too young to teach. The farm contains nearly 100 acres, 65 acres being under cultivation, no debt on the property, but a deficiency of nearly \$1,500 on current expenses. The Home is in need of funds to meet the heavy demands upon its resources.

The Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, reports the Home to be in most excellent condition. All before leaving the Home are brought into full communion with the church. The amount received last year from churches and Sunday Schools was \$1,773.70. To meet the current expenses of the church orphans this amount should be at least \$2,500. The property is valued at \$50,000; the indebtedness is \$10,000. It has an endowment of \$6,000. There is abundant room in the Home and homeless little ones from the bounds of this Synod will be gladly received. This Synod is asked in the Lord's name for prayers and alms. There were in the Home at the close of the year, 65 children, many of whom are boarders.

Fort Wayne Orphans' Home has 57 children, a number of them are boarders. The farm now consists of 157 acres. The contributions were not quite \$5,000. The anniversary recently held yielded \$600. All crops were very poor, except hay and oats.

In view of these facts, we as a church have great reason to thank the Father of the fatherless for His tender mercies, and great blessing upon this department of church work.

We are not only glad that some of our congregations have contributed to this department of benevolence, but hope that they may be increased manifold; to this end we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That it is with pleasure we learn of the good work

being done in these Homes nurtured by the church, and that we solemnly pledge our prayers and offerings in their behalf.

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod be required to call attention to the Orphan cause and direct Pastors and Consistories of all congregations within their territory to take at least one offering during the year from each congregation and each Sunday School, designating to which one of the Homes said offerings shall be given.

The term of Rev. F. M. Shults expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, President.

The report was adopted without reference.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RESOLUTIONS ON DR. MEASE.

To the Synod of the Interior:

Your committee on Resolutions on the death of Rev. S. Mease, D. D., would offer the following for your adoption:

WHEREAS, In the wise and loving providence of God our brother and co-laborer in Christ has been removed by death. Therefore

Resolved, That we bow with submissive hearts to this dispensation of God.

Resolved, That we had in Dr. Mease a co-laborer of much ability and power, a sympathetic friend and brother, and a man of God, and as such we deeply feel and mourn his loss.

Resolved, That we learn with joy that by the kindness of friends the means have been promised for the erection of a monument to his memory, and by the suggestion of Rev. T. F. Stauffer we appoint Revs. D. B. Shuey, E. Erb, G. D. Gurley and P. E. Zartman, as a committee to act with Rev. T. F. Stauffer in the erection of this monument.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the *Christian World*, *Reformed Church Messenger* and in *Herald of Interior*.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WETZEL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The committee on Publications would respectfully report that only one document was referred to us, namely, the *Herald of the Interior*, a monthly journal published by a committee of Illinois Classis.

We find its columns made up largely of church news from the different charges in said Classis, one column to the College of Northern Illinois.

We commend the enterprise of Illinois Classis and believe that it will do much good, but it is a question whether the large number of local church papers will not interfere with the support of the more general church papers.

We would recommend that the Synod take into consideration the advisability of establishing a Synodical church paper.

The committee would further report that we have furnished accounts of the proceedings of Synod to the *Messenger*, *Christian World*, *Reformed Church Record* and to daily papers in Des Moines, Marshalltown, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Sioux City, Lincoln and Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. SHUEY, Chairman.

The report was adopted and the item referring to a Synodical Church paper was referred to a committee to report at next annual meeting. Committee are: Revs. G. D. Gurley, F. Wetzel and Elder James Edelman.

NOTE.—By oversight of Stated Clerk a copy of Rev. N. Z. Snyder's neat and convenient Order of Service in connection with Heidelberg Catechism, was not presented to Synod and referred to the Committee.

REPORT ON REFORMED CHURCH LEAGUE.

To the Synod of the Interior:

BRETHREN.—In these days of church work organizations in almost every phase of Christian life and activity, the Reformed church in the U. S. is the mother of but one distinctive organization especially designed to reach one class of individuals. The B. of A. and P. which has already developed remarkable force and practical church working helpfulness for unmeasurable good, not only among young men for young men, but as well for the entire church of Christ.

There is, however, need for a broader and more comprehensive organization in the line of special work, which shall include the young women of the church and the membership of the church as a unit.

The latter idea has given birth to the Epworth League in the M. E. church meeting with unparalleled success; the Young P. Presbyterian Union, gaining in

members and efficiency very rapidly; and the Y. P. Baptist Union, which is meeting with unexpected success in numbers and efficiency. The same is true of the Y. P. Union of the U. B. church. Not in view simply of these movements on the part of sister denominations, but from that inner consciousness God has given us looking to a greater degree of efficiency in righteousness and Christian work, this Synod at the last annual sessions appointed a committee to prepare a report upon the advisability of organizing a Reformed Church League. This committee begs leave to offer the following:

In consideration of the subject assigned us, we have carefully excluded every thought and consideration that savored of denominational selfishness and pride. We have only looked at the subject on the side of that broad, liberal, yet absolute Christian symbol of our belief—the Heideberg Catechism as finding its central truth in the Apostles' Creed, and the genius and culture of our own Reformed Zion.

As to the utility and need of such an organization, properly managed, there seems to be no question in the mind of the committee for the following reasons.

1. The day is at hand when in Christian work the latent resources of the church so abundant in the thousands of the young men and women of the church, should be brought into full and practical efficiency in spreading Christ's gospel, the salvation of the world, and the development of individual participation in witnessing for Christ.

2. In the developing of our inner church life, as a denomination, we cultivate not only love for Christ, but an abiding love for our own peculiar church, that will cement our devotion to her cause in the evangelizing of the world which will ultimately result in that oneness of the brotherhood of God in and through Christ.

3. It will develop a more comprehensive view of the church, the kingdom of Christ growing out of associated ideas of religious truths, comparisons and Christian contact with each other. The stronger elements will stand shoulder to shoulder with the weaker bound by the ties of Christian love and benevolence.

4. There will be an outgrowth of special lines of work, peculiarly and God-given our own in the great conflict of righteousness with unrighteousness. Individualism and selfishness will be moulded into united and practical Christian effort out of which there can only issue in united and efficient results.

In view of these facts we report in favor of the organization of a Reformed League of Christian Endeavor and submit the following constitution for your consideration, and if approved, the By-Laws and other details to be created and approved by the League as may be deemed best.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

Report was discussed at length as the subject was felt to be important. Synod took the following action:

Resolved, That the Reformed League of Christian Endeavor in our churches be authorized to continue under the constitutions of their respective societies, and that the committee of Synod on Young Peoples' Societies be continued to report a constitution for general adoption at next meeting of Synod.

CHURCH WORK CONVENTION.

The committee appointed at last annual meeting to prepare for a Church Work Convention reported a program and it was carried into effect Saturday evening, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, presiding. A paper on "The Opportunities of Young People and How they should be Improved," was read by Mrs. Maud Uhler Dodd. Rev. P. E. Zartman delivered an address on "Our Young People—what of them?" Besides these enlivening addresses a number of inspiring addresses were made by members of Synod.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The State Agent of Iowa, Rev. R. W. Hughes, was introduced to and addressed Synod on the Society's work. The following was offered and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod has listened with pleasure to Agent A. B. S. and records its high appreciation of the work of the society. The word of God lies at the foundation of all evangelization, and we commend it anew to all our people.
 2. *Resolved*, That we urge the pastors to instruct their people in this matter, that they may contribute intelligently and liberally for the promotion of this great work.
 3. *Resolved*, That we specially commend the effort of the society to place a Bible in the hands of every child who can read, and we urge Sunday School superintendents and teachers to assist in this noble work.
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THE REFORMED ALLIANCE.

The committee constituted in connection with the selection of place of meeting to report on the propriety of holding a Reformed Alliance during the Columbian Exposition, reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the item of Reformed Alliance would respectfully report that in view of the fact that the Columbian Exposition or so-called World's Fair, at which

representatives from all countries will be present, will be held in the bounds of this Synod. Since many perhaps from foreign countries may be members of the Reformed church, and while many from the other Synods will be present, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod of the Reformed church is hereby overtured to arrange for a Reformed Alliance, to be held in the city of Chicago during the latter part of the summer of 1893, to which meeting all the Reformed members are invited who may visit Chicago at that time and thus be a general convention of Reformed people.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Synod is hereby overtured to arrange program and appoint speakers for said meeting.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod appoint a committee of five to assist a committee of the General Synod in securing a place for the meeting, and as far as possible arrange for the boarding or entertainment at reduced rates.

4. *Resolved*, That the officers of this Synod arrange to hold our next annual meeting of Synod either just before or else immediately after the meeting of said Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Chairman.

The report was adopted and the committee called for under item 3 are: Revs. Casselman and Gurley (ex-officio), Revs. D. S. Fouse and H. Bair, Elder J. Sweinhart.

INTEMPERANCE AND SABBATH AT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Committee under item 9, Min. Synod, appointed to prepare a paper on the above subjects, presented their report. After considerable modification it was passed as follows:

BRETHREN.—Your committee on the Sabbath and the temperance question begs leave to offer the following report:

WHEREAS, The great evil of intemperance is gaining ground in nearly every state, and

WHEREAS, The income from this God-forbidden traffic is increased, more souls entrapped, and the Holy Sabbath more and more endangered by it, therefore

Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves, by all the strength

which God has given us, to the destruction of the liquor traffic and of all intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, That we, as a body in Christ, are unalterably opposed to the opening of the Columbian Exposition on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and that we stand firmly for the scriptural observance of the Sabbath, for God, and home and native land.

Resolved, That we overture the Congress of the U. S. not to reconsider its action in regard to the opening of the Columbian Exposition.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ALT, Chairman.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS.

Resolved, That we commend this Society to the members of this Synod, and request the different Classes of Synod to urge the importance of the claims of the Society to the notice of the people. Also that special efforts be made to increase our contributions for its work, and that, if possible, the number of life members in the Synod be increased.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

On motion it was resolved to meet in General Convention next year. Chicago was selected as the place and the date as well as arrangements for use of church building committed to officers of Synod.

An order on treasury to pay expense of printing tickets (\$1.50) was granted.

It was ordered that the Minutes of W. S. M. S. be incorporated into Minutes of Synod.

On motion the undesignated funds of Missionary offering of Sabbath evening were to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

It was decided to hold the closing religious exercises of Synod after the Missionary meeting on Sabbath evening.

On motion \$5.00 was voted to the congregation for use of the church.

ARTICLE XIX.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That as a Synod we hereby express our sincere thanks to the pastor and members of the Reformed church, and other citizens of Lisbon, Iowa, for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining Synod during its sessions.

Resolved, That the pastor loci read this action to his congregation from the pulpit at the next Lord's Day service.

The business sessions of Synod closed on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock. The roll was called and no one absent without excuse. The Minutes were read and approved.

The Missionary meeting on Sabbath evening was in U. B. church, Rev. Dr. Fouse presiding. An audience of 600 was present, the other churches in Lisbon having closed in order to attend. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Moore spoke on Japan. The offerings for the Mission cause amounted to \$193.00. After the offering the officers of Synod took their seats and proceeded with the closing exercises.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod of the Interior adjourned finally on Sunday evening, at 9:30 p. m., to meet in General Convention at Chicago, time to be designated by officers. Synod closed with singing, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

A. CASSELMAN, President.

G. D. GURLEY, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from original Minutes.

G. D. GURLEY, S. C.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society held their fourth annual meeting in the Methodist church at Lisbon, Iowa, October 20th, 1892, at 9:30 a. m.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Whitmore.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Shults was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The following delegates were received and enrolled:

Iowa Classis:—

Maquoketa Society:—Mrs. S. P. Harrington.

Tipton Society:—Mrs. G. D. Gurley.

Lisbon Society:—Mrs. D. S. Fouse.

Liscomb Society:—Mrs. S. Ream.

Harmony Society:—Mrs. Bauman.

Damascus, Ill.:—Mrs. Sechler.

Orangeville, Ill.:—Mrs. Rust.

A motion prevailed to amend the constitution, viz.: That each attending member who is a regular member of any local society of the W. S. M. S. Synod of the Interior, shall be entitled to a vote.

Reports were read from Altamont, Ill. and Shelbyville, Ill.,

Lyons, Kan., Lisbon, Liscomb, Brandon, Maquoketa, Iowa, Abilene, Kan., also from Illinois Classis, Wichita and Lincoln Classes, and from the King's Daughters Missionary Society at Lincoln, Neb.

On motion Mrs. Gurley and Mrs. Sechler were appointed a committee to secure blanks for annual reports from the various societies.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee.—Iowa Classis, Mrs. McClelland; Illinois Classis, Mrs. H. Bair; Wichita Classis, Mrs. Mary Nuss; Kansas Classis, Mrs. Remagen; Lincoln Classis, Mrs. Stauffer.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Albert, Mrs. Smith.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

THURSDAY P. M.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Sechler. Roll call.

Treasurer's report read and accepted; it is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I would respectfully offer the following as my report as Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior, for the year ending Oct. 20, 1892:

1892.	DR.		
		Received from former treasurer.....	\$ 42 79
Mch. 18.		Miss Drake, treasurer W. M. S. Illinois Classis.....	5 00
Apr. 20.		From Missionary Society, Damascus, Ill.....	5 00
May 16.		From Mrs. F. F. Nicodemus, Forreston, Ill.....	15 61
" 25.		Miss Carrie Eyth, Enterprise, Kan.....	12 00
" 28.		Mrs. H. H. Walter, Wichita, Kan.....	4 54
July 14.		W. M. S., Tipton, Iowa, pledge for Miss Hollowell.....	5 00
" 14.		Ada Frybarger, Missionary Society, Orangeville, Ill.....	10 00
" 14.		Sarah Miller, " " Maquoketa, Iowa...	13 00
Aug. 1.		Mrs. D. S. Fouse, personal pledge.....	5 00
Sept. 8.		From W. M. S., Leighton, Iowa.....	8 00
" 10.		Mrs. Weisz, treasurer Lincoln Classis.....	5 00
" 10.		Mrs. T. F. Stauffer, personal pledge.....	5 00
" 10.		From Mrs. Susie J. Smith, balance of pledge.....	1 25

		1 00
"	10. Mrs. R. J. McKee, Coneville, Iowa.....	
"	10. Mrs. Elizabeth Floy, Lisbon, Iowa.....	1 00
Oct.	7. Mrs. Harrington, Maquoketa, Iowa.....	6 80
Total		\$ 145 99
1892.		CR.
Amount paid out by former treasurer.....		\$ 1 25
May	16. Paid to Mrs. Kunkle as per receipt	2 00
Aug.	23. " " " " "	50 00
"	23. " to Home Mission " "	25 61
Oct.	12. " " " " "	12 07
In treasury this day, Oct. 20, 1892....		55 06
Total		\$ 145 99

Of the whole amount of \$145.99 the sum of \$37.68 was designated for Home Missions and was so paid. The sum of \$50 was pledged last year for Miss Hollowell's salary and about that sum was designated for Foreign Missions and was so paid. The remaining \$55.06 was not designated and can be used as deemed best by the society.

Respectfully submitted,
SADE A. FOUSE, Treasurer.

A motion was made that one-half the money in the treasurer's hands be paid to Home Missions and the other half to Foreign Missions.

The President spoke of the great loss that the W. M. S. had sustained in the death of Mrs. S. R. Neiman, our former treasurer, and presented her gold watch and chain which she had given before her death to the W. M. S. of Synod to help bear the expenses of Miss Hollowell in Japan. Mrs. Fouse accepted it in behalf of the society. A letter was read from Mr. S. R. Neiman wishing to purchase the watch and chain for his oldest daughter. It was so ordered and the price be paid into the treasury.

The subject for discussion was: "Why we have Missionary Societies and the successful methods of conducting them," opened by Mrs. Gurley. Mrs. Whitmore and Mrs. Sechler followed with interesting remarks on the subject.

Mrs. Rust gave a report of the W. M. S. at Orangeville and

the Gleaner's Band, showing what the ladies and children can accomplish in this Mission work.

A letter from Mrs. Whitmore to the Executive Committee was read asking that a Synodical correspondent to the Woman's Journal be appointed. The sum of \$25.00 a year would be paid to such person. Miss Meta Bauman was elected correspondent for the ensuing year. The office of editress was omitted as this new appointment would fill all requirements.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m.

FRIDAY A. M.

The Society met at time appointed and was opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Bauman.

Mrs. Moore gave a very interesting address on her special work in Japan among the poor and in the hospitals.

The Society decided to give next year \$50.00 towards the support of Miss Hollowell and \$25.00 for the Childrens' Home in Japan.

Mrs. Gurley was elected delegate to the General Synod and Mrs. Shults alternate. It was decided to pay the delegate's expenses in full.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers for the next year were elected:

President.—Mrs. G. D. Gurley.

Vice-President.—Mrs. S. Ream.

Treasurer.—Mrs. D. S. Fouse.

Recording Secretary.—Miss Grace Love.

Corresponding Secretary.—Mrs. A. M. Shults.

Closed by singing Doxology.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

Lincoln.—The annual meeting was held at Imogene, Iowa, May 7th, 1892.

President.—Mrs. T. F. Stauffer, Lincoln, Neb.

Vice-President.—Mrs. P. J. Heffley, Lincoln, Neb.

Secretary.—Miss Kate Kifer, Sioux City, Iowa.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Geo. F. Weiz, Sioux City, Iowa.

Wichita.—The W. M. S. held its annual meeting at Cheney, Kansas, April 29th, 1892.

President.—Mrs. B. S. Comstock, Cheney, Kas.

Vice-President.—Mrs. Alice Yoder, Cheney, Kas.

Treasurer.—Mrs. H. H. Walters, Cheney, Kas.

Secretary.—Miss Jean B. Love, Wichita, Kas.

Illinois.—The W. C. M. S. held its annual meeting in Dakota, Illinois, May 6th, 1892.

President.—Mrs. H. Bair, Foreston, Ill.

Vice-President.—Mrs. J. Sechler, Lena, Ill.

Secretary.—Mrs. H. L. Beam, Dakota, Ill.

Treasurer.—Mrs. F. Nicodemus, Foreston, Ill.

Iowa.—The annual meeting of the W. M. S. was held at Zwingle, Iowa, September 2d, 1892.

President.—Mrs. F. C. Bauman, Zwingle, Iowa.

Recording Secretary.—Miss Maggie Cort, Zwingle, Iowa.

Corresponding Secretary.—Miss Meta Bauman, Zwingle, Ia.

Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Harrington, Maquoketa, Iowa.

There was no report from Kansas Classis, but reports given from Lyons and Abilene.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, and the report was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Lord has so signally blessed our efforts during the past year.

Resolved, That we consecrate ourselves to renewed energy for larger and better work.

WHEREAS, God in his providence has seen fit to remove from among us our beloved sister, Mrs. Neiman,

Resolved, That we feel deeply the loss to ourselves and society, but rejoice to know that our loss is her gain.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to the members of the family in their bereavement.

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. Whitmore our appreciation of her presence, to whom the enthusiasm of our meetings is largely due.

WHEREAS, The diffusion of Missionary news greatly promotes our work,

Resolved, That as far as possible we assist the worthy editor of the *Woman's Journal* with our sympathy and support.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate Mrs. Moore's coming among us and listened to her address with pleasure and profit.

Resolved, That we sincerely thank our Methodist friends for the use of their church and also the kind friends who have so ably entertained us during the meetings.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Neiman and his family, and also a copy be published in the church papers and the *Lisbon Sun*.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SMITH,
MRS. ALBERT, } Com.
MRS. WOOD,

Mrs. Ream offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the distribution of small presents among certain classes of Japanese by the Missionaries, seems to be a very successful method of winning the good graces and thereby oftentimes the hearts of these people for Christ; we therefore recommend that each local society send to Mrs. Moore one quilt and other articles, such as calico, flannel, muslin, dolls, cards with white backs, and other presents of less or greater value. Further,

Resolved, That the same be sent with a delegate or the pastor from local societies to the W. M. S. of Classis, and thence to be forwarded to its destination as a Classical W. M. S. box.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public Missionary meeting under the management of the W. S. M. S. was held in the Reformed church on Friday evening. Rev. P. E. Zartman led the devotional exercises. The choir led in singing the hymns selected and a male quartette from the Synod favored us with two appropriate selections.

The following essays were read:

Mission Band Work—Mrs. Rust.

Foreign Missions—Mrs. Sechler.

Home Missions—Mrs. Whitmore.

Address—"Women of Japan"—Mrs. Moore.

Recitation—Miss Edna Barnacle.

Japanese Song (by request)---Mrs. Moore.

The offerings amounted to \$27. Benediction by Rev. Bair.

SATURDAY P. M.

Mrs. Susie Smith in a few well chosen words, presented Mrs. Moore in behalf of the Mite Society of Lisbon, a quilt to take with her to Japan, also a quilt in the name of her little daughter Neva. Mrs. Shults presented a quilt from her Mission Band. Mrs. Moore gratefully accepted the offerings and thanked the ladies heartily in behalf of the ladies in Japan.

The Society adjourned to meet with the next annual meeting of Synod.

MRS. G. D. GURLEY, President.

MISS MILLIE GAY, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT—IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms										Contributions.										P. O. ADDRESS.															
		Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Infants.		Adults.		Confirmed.		By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.		Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Erasure of Names.			Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Teachers and Officers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Purposes.		(Congregational Purposes.		Minutes—English.
F. C. Bauman.....	Harmony.....	125	78	13	3	3	3	120	5	1	1	1	16	86	1	75	475	35	Zwingle, Iowa.																		
F. M. Shultz.....	Lisbon.....	118	39	4	1	1	3	115		4	1	1	7	40		254	725	35	Lisbon, Iowa.																		
G. D. Gurley.....	Tipton.....	1	60	4	4	4	1	54		4	1	1	15	109		103	580	25	Tipton, Iowa.																		
S. Ream.....	Liscomb.....	58	17	1	2	6	4	48	4	4	2	2	25	117		140	417	15	Liscomb, Iowa.																		
S. P. Harrington.....	Maquoketa.....	3	35	2	1	3	3	74	1	6	1	3	39	300		89	525	30	Maquoketa, Iowa.																		
J. H. Buser.....	Leighton.....	1	82	4	1	1	1	75	2	1	2	2	10	65		296	413		Leighton, Iowa.																		
S. Shaw.....	Columbus June.....	87	80	12	1	1	1	61	2	1	2	1	13	101		12	700	30	Columbus June, Ia.																		
D. K. Fuleason.....	Coneville.....	145	3					54	2	1	2	1				34	83		Coneville, Iowa.																		
Vacant.....	Boulder.....	77	32	3				50			1	1					273	15	Central City, Iowa.																		
J. Naile.....	Wilton.....	1	25	1				50			1	1					100	15	Wilton, Iowa.																		
George Rettig.....																			Lyons, Iowa.																		
D. S. Fouse.....																			Monticello, Iowa.																		
J. C. Beade.....																			Lisbon, Iowa.																		
G. H. Albright.....																			Columbus June, Ia.																		
		17	872	337	44	6	31	14	655	14	16	11	15	126	818	1	\$	1003	\$	4291	150	14											East Fairfield, O.				

STATISTICAL REPORT--KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	BAPTISMS.														CONTRIBUTIONS.				P. O. ADDRESS.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	(Confirmed.	(Certificate.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Students.	Revolutions.	(Congregational	Purposes.	Minutes.	Church Papers.	
J. G. Martin.	Zions.	1 97	50	7	.....	13	.....	60	.....	2 13	.....	1	1	1	45	6	60	338	6	6	St. Joseph, Mo
J. A. Novinger	Bedham.	1 63	40	10	.....	1	.....	12	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	60	13	45	430	20	10	Hawatha, Kas.
C. A. Santee.	St. Paul S.	1 25	4	.....	2	.....	1	6	.....	1	.....	4	.....	1	29	6	22	426	6	8	Kansas City, Mo.
A. S. Dechant.	Abilene.	2 19	63	4	3	3	11	11	1	.....	8	2	1	169	5	.....	109	1068	50	21	Abilene, Kas.
G. W. Remagen.	Fairview.	1 67	25	3	5	10	10	64	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	100	9	40	1032	30	7	Fairview, Kas.
A. Bollinger.	New Basil.	1 85	100	7	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	489	20	12	New Basil, Kas.
H. S. Gekeler.	1st Church, St. Joseph	1 24	8	.....	.....	24	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	174	10	3	St. Joseph, Mo
	Hoffton.	2 33	18	7	4	8	1	32	4	4	1	2	69	13	.....	.....	23	435	25	7	
	Wells.	1 16	8	.....	.....	1	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	.....	10	17	5	
	Scotia.	1 15	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	35	5	3	
Totals		12 544	328	38	14	38	56	423	6	2	36	8	9	607	78	1	8	365	8502	177	82

STATISTICAL REPORT--WICHITA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.													P. O. ADDRESS.																								
No. Congregations.		Members.		Unconfirmed.		Baptism—Infants.		Baptism—Adults.		(Confirmed.		Certificate or Renewal of Profession.		Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Erasure of Names.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Officers and Teachers.		S. S. Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		Minutes of Synod.		Church Papers.	
1.	D. B. Shuey.....	1	110	36	5	5	9	17	101	5	0	8	1	14	235	0	115	00	525	00	25	5	Emporia, Kansas...																
2.	J. W. Love.....	2	91	38	11	3	6	19	83	2	0	6	0	2	19	100	0	75	00	515	00	25	13	Wichita, Kansas...															
3.	A. Casselman.....	2	66	21	4	0	0	12	51	0	0	2	1	2	18	68	0	15	35	647	68	25	10	Lyons, Kansas....															
4.	W. E. Shaley.....	2	46	31	1	0	0	2	37	0	0	3	0	2	15	105	0	6	00	159	00	25	8	Tola, Kansas.....															
5.	S. A. Alt.....	1	18	15	3	0	6	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	05	0	00	10	1	Wichita, Kansas...															
6.	Vacant.....	1	30	80	7	0	1	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	53	4	00	10	0																
7.	Vacant.....	9	361	221	31	8	22	40	313	7	0	19	2	7	66	508	0	\$ 320	93	\$1850	68	145	62																
Total.....																																							

STATISTICAL REPORT--LINCOLN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.			CHARGES.										Baptisms.				Contributions.							
			(Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	(Confirmed.	(Certificate.	(Commenced.	Excommunicated.	Buried.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers.	Students.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESSES.			
Thos. F. Stauffer.....	Faith Reformed.....	1	59	15	4	2	6	48	2	1	1	2	2	1	9	45	\$	20	92	\$400	00	25	9 Lincoln, Neb.	
J. F. Butler.....	Imogene.....	1	75	40	2	..	1	63	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	7	25	38	75	326	00	25	5 Imogene, Iowa
Chailey E. Zartman	Grace Church*.....	2	50	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	9	65	..	..	..	23	5	Sioux City, Iowa
E. Erb.....	Redfield*.....	3	23	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	16	80	..	..	..	10	..	Redfield, S. Dak.
																							Lincoln, Neb.	
		7	198	90	6	2	7	111	..	2	4	7	41	215	\$	59	67	\$726	00	85	14

*Statistics of Meeting May, 1891.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CLASSES,	STATED CLERKS,	(Charges,	P. O. ADDRESS.																
			No. of Months open in the Year.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	No. of Teachers and Officers.	Average Attendance.	Total Enrollment of School.	Total Average School.	No. of Scholars who made Profession during Year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	(Copies S. S. Papers taken per Week.	Amount of Collections for use of School.	Amount of Benevolent Offerings.	Do you have Teachers' Meetings?	Is the Catechism Taught in your School?	Where the Catechism is not Taught.	No. who do not hold Teachers' Meetings.	
Illinois.....	15	10	75	711	258	151	93	857	354	47	650	505	\$ 245 00	\$ 100 00	2	3	3	11	Anna, Ill.....
Iowa.....	16	9	161	815	571	181	147	936	652	27	564	579	324 29	29 85	1	5	5	14	Tripton, Iowa.....
Kansas.....	11	6	36	722	321	110	816	316	77	21	40	65	25 00	6 10	2	2	2	3	Fairview, Kas.....
Wichita.....	8	6	48	535	321	72	52	584	7	7	231	297	218 76	60 97	3	3	6	6	Emporia, Kas.....
Lincoln.....	3	4	27	106	65	26	19	132	87	3	246	70	38 69	3 93	No	2	2	1	Lincoln, Neb.....
	53	38	347	2889	1215	540	311	3325	1093	86	1731	1516	\$ 861 74	\$ 200 85	7	14	18	26	

NOTE.—The Sunday School Statistics, as will be seen by reference to report of Board, are not complete. Some schools fail to report to Classes in full, and this affects Classical Summary. Kansas Classis has reports from only few schools in most of above columns.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1892.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Eastern Synod.....	11	246	491	89131	49698	5569	567	4597	2262	72151	1362	4	1177	2907	595	6886	61877	101	\$ 119,285 00	\$ 390,717 00
Ohio Synod.....	6	111	220	20320	6110	769	383	985	746	16238	466	2	530	415	292	2635	18829	36	26,452 63	110,240 87
Synod of Northwest.....	10	144	200	18707	13210	1724	29	958	875	13564	188	6	396	432	170	.....	10397	42	14,754 00	112,203 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	5	62	141	15261	9014	915	132	854	718	12803	397	2	315	340	110	.....	9239	17	21,001 00	86,402 00
Synod of Potomac.....	9	149	302	34159	29793	1910	329	1612	955	29023	580	1	295	888	276	1828	24158	52	28,653 31	163,043 61
Ger. Synod of East.....	5	50	45	13491	9605	2232	15	732	748	10519	75	3	755	696	44	354	9637	11	9,996 00	104,577 00
Central Synod.....	4	84	116	18959	12522	1259	63	867	863	13836	184	6	409	504	107	531	11704	24	13,202 00	75,687 00
Synod of Interior.....	5	39	68	2802	1465	148	46	153	158	2090	40	2	98	38	59	485	3131	2	2,978 00	17,269 00
Synods, & Total.....	55	885	1583	212830	121387	14526	1564	10758	7426	163314	3292	26	3975	6130	1563	13319	149023	285	\$ 236,321 94	\$1,060,229 48

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SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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DAUPHIN PARK, CHICAGO, ILL.,

SEPTEMBER 19, A. D., 1893.

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1893.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior met in General Convention in the Reformed Tabernacle, Dauphin Park, Chicago, Illinois, September, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three. The sessions began on the evening of nineteenth, at 7-30, and closed at noon of the twenty-second.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod met, according to adjournment, the time and place having been fixed by the officers of Synod as per resolution of the last meeting, in the Reformed Tabernacle, Dauphin Park, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday evening, Sept. 19, at 7:30 o'clock. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. A. Casselman. Text, Nehemiah iv ; 14, last clause : "Be ye not afraid of them ; remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

After the sermon and prayer, Synod was called to order, and the roll was called by Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Secretary pro tem. ; a quorum was present and the officers for the coming year elected.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Illinois Classis.

Ministers:—Joel W. Alspach (2), Joshua Wolbach, Joseph Sechler, Daniel N. Frantz (2), George P. Hartzell, Henry L. Beam, John M. Kendig (2).

Elders:—John Runkel (2), Henry Mowery, John F. Brown, William Glasser (3).

Iowa Classis.

Ministers:—F. C. Bauman, F. M. Shults (2), S. Shaw (3), S. P. Harrington, D. H. Fouse, J. C. Beade, D. S. Fouse, D. D., D. K. Fulsason (d).

Elders:—James Edelman, Jacob Sweinhart, D. S. Long (2 d), P. T. Evans (4).

Kansas Classis.

Ministers:—H. S. Gekeler.

Elders:—J. W. Keefer (d), Fred Isely (3).

Wichita Classis.

Ministers:—D. B. Shuey, J. W. Love, A. Casselman.

Elders:—J. Henry Brown.

Lincoln Classis.

Ministers:—T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Butler (2), P. E. Zartman.

The figures indicate the session at which members took their seats, the letters the time of leaving.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were announced during the sessions, and they were invited to seats in the Synod:

Eastern Synod, Lancaster Classis, Rev. Prof. J. Henry Dubbs, D. D. Potomac Synod, Maryland Classis, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.; Zion Classis, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.; Carlisle Classis, Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.; Virginia Classis, Rev. J. Hoffheins, D. D.; Gettysburg Classis, Rev. T. J. Barkley; Juniata Classis, Licentiate Bruce Griffith. Ohio Synod, Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D.; St. Joseph Classis, Rev. I. Rothenberger. Central Synod, Cincinnati Classis, Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Rev. Anton Seyring. Synod of the Northwest, Indiana Classis, Rev. J. G. Steinert.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. H. L. BEAM, President.

REV. T. F. STAUFFER, Vice President.

REV. D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

REV. D. K. FULCASON, Corresponding Secretary.

REV. A. CASSELMAN, Lyons, Kansas, Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with.

The Bar of the House was designated as consisting of the first three rows of seats.

The hours of the sessions of Synod were fixed; viz., 8-30 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M. On Wednesday evening, a business session was held from 7-30 to 9. On Thursday, no sessions of Synod were held, to give opportunity to all members of Synod to attend the Presentation of the Reformed Church at the World's Parliament of Religions in Washington Hall of the Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Minutes of Synod.—D. B. Shuey, H. S. Gekeler, Wm. Glasser.

Minutes of General Synod.—J. W. Alspach, J. C. Beade, Wm. Glasser.

Overtures.—F. C. Bauman, D. H. Fouse, James Edelman.

Minutes of Classis.—D. S. Fouse, S. P. Harrington, J. F. Brown.

Religious Services.—J. M. Kendig, J. Sechler, J. W. Keefer.

State of Religion.—A. Casselman, F. C. Bauman, J. Sweinhart.

Finance.—J. Wolbach, J. C. Beade, James Edelman.

Sunday Schools.—P. E. Zartman, F. M. Shults, John Runkel.

Publication.—G. P. Hartzell, S. Ream, J. H. Brown.

Missions.—J. W. Love, A. Casselman, Henry Mowery.

Education.—T. F. Stauffer, D. N. Frantz, J. F. Brown.

Nominations.—D. K. Fulcason, D. S. Fouse, H. Mowery.

Examination and Licensure.—S. P. Harrington, J. Sechler, J. H. Brown.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of the General Synod, Minutes of the Synod of the Interior, Minutes of Illinois, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln Classes, and an Abstract of the Minutes of Iowa Classis, were presented and passed to the proper Committees.

A number of communications were presented and passed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services, the services on Friday morning continuing a half hour.

The Committee on Religious Services reported, which was adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following report and suggest services to be held in this order :

Friday Evening.—Woman's Missionary Meeting.

Saturday Evening.—Preparatory Services; sermon by Rev. Bruce Griffith; liturgical service, Rev. F. M. Shults.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Service; sermon by Rev. S. Shaw; liturgical service, Rev. J. W. Love.

Sunday Evening—General Missionary Meeting; addresses by Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., General Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Interior Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KENDIG, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following items :

Item 1, page 8. Synod expressed its approval of the Missionary Guardian, and requests all pastors and elders to make every possible effort to increase its circulation.

Item 2, page 8. Stated Clerk instructed to have 1200 copies of the Minutes printed.

Item 3, page 8. Synod instructs Stated Clerk to print Sunday School statistics.

Item 4, page 10. Resolution that all Sunday Schools be required to use our Sunday School literature.

Item 5, page 10. The attention of Classes called to irregularities.

Item 6, page 23. Pastors are directed to urge the people by means of special sermons and missionary meetings to make liberal offerings to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Item 7, page 23. Congregational, Classical, and Synodical societies are urged to raise larger means to carry on the work in Japan.

Item 8, page 23. The General Board is overtured to establish missions in the larger cities of the West.

Item 9, page 32. The Board of Trustees of Wichita University was authorized to open a theological department.

Item 10, page 32. Collections were ordered for our Literary Institutions.

Item 11, page 33. Assessments were made to reimburse the treasury of Synod.

Item 12, page 34. Sunday School blanks ordered to be sent to pastors 30 days before meeting of Classes.

Item 13, page 34. Statistics of Sunday Schools to be presented to Classes, and from Classes to Synod.

Item 14, page 34. Special Sunday School meetings to be dispensed with, except those on the Lord's Day.

Item 15, page 37. Classes are requested to call attention to the Orphans' cause, and to direct pastors and consistories to take at least one offering during the year from each congregation and Sunday School for this purpose.

Item 16, page 37. A committee was appointed to erect a monument to the memory of Dr. Mease.

Item 17, page 38. A committee was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of the establishing of a synodical church paper.

Item 18, page 39. The committee on Young Peoples' Societies was continued and requested to report a Constitution for adoption at this meeting of Synod.

Item 19, page 40. American Bible Society is commended and people urged to contribute for this noble work.

Item 20, page 41. Has reference to the Religious Congress to be held in Chicago, and the appointment of a committee to co-operate in arranging for said meeting in connection with the meeting of this present Synod.

Item 21, page 42. The Society for the Relief of Ministers was commended and increase of contributions urged.

Item 22, page 42. Chicago, Illinois, was selected as the next place of meeting of Synod, and the officers of Synod directed to make arrangements for place and entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Chairman.

The action of Synod on this report is as follows: Items 1, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 14 were adopted. Items 2, 8, 20 and 22 were reported attended to. Item 3 attended to and the former action of Synod was reiterated. Item 4 adopted and referred to Classes. Items 6, 10, 11 and 15 laid on the table until after the committee on Minutes of Classes report. Item 13 was partially attended to. Item 16: the special committee reported and their report was adopted; see Article XVIII. Item 17: the committee failed to report, and a new committee was appointed to report at the next annual meeting. Committee, Revs. J. W. Love, J. W. Alspach and Elder James Edelman. Item 18: the special committee reported, and their report, which includes the Constitution only, was adopted. Afterwards, the By-Laws were adopted. See Article XVIII. Items 19 and 21 were adopted, and the former actions of Synod were reiterated.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following as their report:

Item 1, page 126. Refers to increased contributions for the Foreign Missionary work.

Item 2, page 126. Refers to the amount of money to be raised for our Foreign work.

Item 3, page 135. Refers to Orphans' Homes.

Item 4, page 138. Refers to the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 5, page 142. Refers to Young Peoples' Societies.

Item 6, page 146. Refers to the addition of a Sunday School column on statistics.

Item 7, page 221. Refers to the time and place of meeting of General Synod.

Item 8, page 163. Refers to the adoption of the New Constitution.

Item 9, page 209. Refers to Synod's apportionment of \$60 for Contingents, and \$50 for Harbor Mission.

Item 10, page 209. Refers to the apportionment of \$200 for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ALSPACH, Chairman.

The action of Synod on this report is as follows : Items 1 and 9, adopted and referred to Committee of Finance for apportionment. Items 2 and 10, referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 3, referred to the Committee on Education. Items 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted. Item 8, adopted and the attention of Stated Clerks of Classes called to this item.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The report was taken up by items. It is as follows :

I. SUBJECTS REFERRED BY SYNOD.

All the Classes approved of the requests made by Synod, and accepted the apportionments.

II. REQUESTS FROM CLASSES.

1. Illinois Classis requests the Synod to ratify its actions in changing the time for the Annual Meeting at a Special Meeting at which there was no quorum : and also in receiving Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D. at a Special Meeting for which two weeks' notice had not been given. These actions were confirmed.

2. Kansas Classis calls the attention of Synod to the fact that in its Minutes it associates the name of Rev. A. Casselman with Kansas Classis instead of Wichita Classis, where he belongs.

III. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

1. Illinois Classis received Rev. Geo. P. Hartzell from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio ; dismissed Rev. E. C. Rust to the Presbytery of Steubenville ; and received Rev. J. M. Kendig from the Classis of Eastern Ohio, Synod of Ohio.

2. Iowa Classis received Rev. S. Shaw from St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio ; licensed and ordained D. H. Fouse to the Gospel Ministry ; dismissed Rev. D. K. Fuscason to Illinois Classis and Rev. G. D. Gurley to the Presbytery of Des Moines.

3. Wichita Classis received Rev. A. R. Holshouser from the North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Licentiate L. S. Foust from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry ; dismissed Rev. W. E. Shaley to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, and Rev. J. W. Love to Wichita Classis.

IV. TIME AND PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1. Illinois Classis meets at Stonington, Illinois, on the Wednesday preceding full moon in May, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. W. Alspach, President ; Rev. J. Wolbach, Stated Clerk ; Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer.

2. Iowa Classis meets at Columbus Junction, Iowa, on the last Wednesday evening of May (30th), 1894, at eight o'clock. Rev. S. Shaw, President ; Rev. S. P. Harrington, Stated Clerk ; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer.

3. Kansas Classis will meet in Fairview, Kansas, on June 14, 1894, at eight o'clock P. M. Rev. J. A. Novinger, President and Treasurer ; Rev. G. W. Remagen, Stated Clerk.

4. Wichita Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Lyons, Rice county, Kansas, on the third Thursday in May (17th), 1894, at 8 P. M. Rev. S. A. Alt, President ;

Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

5. Lincoln Classis will meet in Sioux City, Iowa, on May 17, 1894, at 8 P. M. Rev. Parley E. Zartman, President; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE, Chairman.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following items which came into our hands :

Item 1. A communication from Rev. P. C. Prugh, asking for financial aid in support of Butler Orphans' Home.

Item 2. A request of Rev. A. S. Dechant, asking that he and his Elder, J. L. Brenizer, be excused from attendance at this Synod.

Item 3. A request of Rev. G. W. Remagen to be excused from attendance at Synod.

Item 4. A request of Rev. Parley E. Zartman to have Elder W. A. Kifer, of Sioux City, excused for non-attendance at Synod.

Item 5. A request of Rev. Sechler, asking for the excuse of Elder Aaron Kostenbader for non-attendance.

Item 6. Rev. A. Bollinger asks to be excused from attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. BAUMAN, Chairman.

The different items were separately adopted and the brethren excused for non-attendance. The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

STATE OF RELIGION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN.—With each recurring year it is expected that your Committee on State of Religion and Statistics should indicate, so far as possible, the progress of

of our people in the work of building up the Master's kingdom on earth, to note the measure of growth in piety and zeal, and the indications of development, if any, in all that pertains to Christian life and character. The meagre sources of information render the task somewhat difficult and an accurate summary almost out of the question, but the difficulty is all the more apparent when we remember that God alone looketh into the heart. No human eye can detect the unfolding and expanding of the new life in the soul begotten by the Holy Spirit, only in so far as it is seen in the outward evidences of piety, zeal and general activity of the regenerated disciple. Evidences, however, are not wanting to give cause for sincere gratitude on the one hand, but, on the other also, humiliation, fasting and prayer.

We have had a special demonstration of the goodness and mercy of the Lord in that the lives of all our ministers have been spared, and comparatively few have fallen by the hand of death from the ranks of the laity. In a few instances, the hand of affliction has been heavily laid upon the pastor and his family, thus apparently hindering the work ; but, as a rule, health and strength have been given to enable all the pastors to prosecute their work. The reports of the several Classes indicate that the pastors, as a rule, have been faithful in the preaching of the Word and the shepherding of the flock, and have cheerfully born the discouragements, anxieties and sacrifices incident to pioneer missionary work.

This labor of love has usually been appreciated by the people, who manifest a willingness to share the burdens and join hands in the toil.

Increasing activity is noted along certain lines, especially in the realm of Woman's Missionary and Young Peoples' Societies, which are every where spoken of as most helpful agencies and as ground for the hope of more aggressive work in the future.

In most of the Classes there has been an increase in the

amount of money contributed toward benovolent objects and a comparatively small increase in membership, while in some instances, losses.

While it is true that spiritual growth cannot be measured or indicated by figures, it is also true that, for all purposes of human comparison, we must depend upon statistics, nevertheless, as the most reliable index of church activity and religious development.

We are essentially a Synod of missions, working in the midst of a fluctuating population; hence our losses are frequent and heavy, besides many other things to impede our progress. But we have also opportunities and advantages which must not be lost sight of, and when we consider these together with the force employed, and our general equipment, it must be confessed that our advancement has been far too slow. We have somewhere, somehow failed in too large a degree to come up to the measure of our opportunities. Here is cause, not only for humility, but for earnest thought as to the future. It is not within the province of this Committee to suggest a remedy, but, beloved brethren, we dare not close our eyes to these facts, nor lie down in inactive lamentations or even confession. While we confess our failures and pray for pardon, let us also pray for grace to help and wisdom to guide, so that we may plan for greater things, expect larger blessings, and, by aggressive, consecrated effort, bring about better results. Let our motto be, "more and better work for Christ."

We have reason for profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His mercies and blessings, but may we not best express our gratitude by renewed activity, increasing zeal and more cheerful service for the salvation of men in His name and for His glory.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN, Chairman.

The report was adopted. For Statistics see Appendix.

ARTICLE XII.

MISSIONS.

*Report of the Board of Home Missions.***To the Reverend Synod of the Interior :**

The Board of Home Missions met according to the rule of Synod, at the close of the sessions of Synod at Lisbon, Iowa, and organized by electing Rev. H. Bair, President ; Rev. S. Ream, Secretary ; and Rev. A. Casselman, Treasurer.

The Board also met in the Reformed Tabernacle, Dauphin Park, Chicago, Illinois, September 20, 1893. The following members constitute the Board :— Revs. H. Bair, S. Ream, A. Casselman, T. F. Stauffer, and Elder J. H. Brown. In the absence of the President, Rev. A. Casselman was elected President *pro tempore*.

The Superintendent of Missions, Rev. D. B. Shuey, submitted his report, and the items in it claiming the Board's attention, were disposed of as follows :

The Leighton and Wilton Missions, of the Iowa Classis, were recommended to the favorable consideration of the General Board ; the former asking an appropriation of \$150, and the latter, \$200. Taylorville and Edinburg, Christian county, Illinois, were constituted a Mission, and referred to the General Board for aid. Maquoketa, Iowa, was recommended to the General Board as a point favorable for the organization of a congregation. The Anna and Union congregations, in the Illinois Classis, were referred to the General Board. The Superintendent's report was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer's report was also read and adopted.

The time of Rev. H. Bair expires with the sessions of this Synod.

This report, together with those of the Superintendent and Treasurer, are herewith respectfully submitted.

A. CASSELMAN, President *pro tempore*.

S. REAM, Secretary.

To the Synod of the Interior :

DEAR BRETHREN :—We praise the Great Head of the Church for His mercies so bountifully bestowed upon our Missionaries and the Missions during another year.

It is gratifying to note that the mission work has greatly prospered during a full year's labor under General Synod's Board. There has been no noticeable friction in the transfer of our Missions to that Board, and the continuance of the same, and after eighteen month's trial, it is believed all will agree that it was a wise move to unite and consolidate our mission interests. We can now labor together in the Lord with one mind and heart, and greater results, we believe, will follow.

Twenty regular missions have been under the Board the past year ; viz., Abilene, Altamont Anna, Astoria, Cheney, Dakota, Damascus, Fairview, Hiawatha, Imogene, Iola, Kansas City, Lincoln, Lisbon, Liscomb, Lyons, Maquoketa, Sioux City, St. Joseph, and Wichita, besides four charges supplied by the Superintendent ; viz., Emporia, Holton and Circleville, Otis and Ransom, and Wells.

There are 42 congregations in these missions, 1622 communicant members, a gain of about 200 members over last year's report. In these congregations, \$11,135 was raised for congregational purposes, an average of \$6.86 per member, which is a gain of only 11 cents per member over the previous year. There was contributed for benevolence \$2129, an average of \$1.32 per member, which is 17 cents per member more than it was the previous year.

When it is remembered that the Board pays for the support of these missions \$6975, an average of \$4.30 per member, and that the missions pay only \$6.86 plus \$1.32, or \$8.18 per member, it ought to stir us up to greater activity in this line of work, and that our contributions ought to be largely increased.

Columbus Junction, Iowa, and Chicago, Illinois, have lately been enrolled as missions in our Synod. There are

not as many vacancies in our Synod as were a year ago. Rev. J. W. Love has taken charge of Kansas City; Rev. L. S. Foust, of Iola; Rev. C. S. Dewitz, of Holton and Circleville; Rev. D. H. Fouse, of Columbus Junction; Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., of Chicago; and Rev. Bruce Griffith expects to take charge of Wichita, Kansas, on October 1st. It is very necessary that a missionary be found who can use the English and German languages to take charge of Otis and Ransom.

A new church has been erected in the Liscomb mission, at St. Paul's, costing \$1500, all of which has been paid. Several of the other missions had contemplated to build or repair churches, but on account of the financial stringency of the times, the matter was postponed. Considerable improvements were made to the Hiawatha church and the parsonage enlarged. Also an addition has been built to the Anna and the Sumnum parsonages, and the church at Cheney.

The missions, to all appearances, are all in good working order, and some of them are gradually tending towards the self-supporting stage. A number of new missions ought to be commenced. St. Louis is ripe for an English mission. The German mission organized there five years ago, has made wonderful progress.

The Board of this Synod recommends to the General Board that Wilton, Iowa, be enrolled as a mission to begin with October 1st, with an appropriation of \$200. Wilton congregation has 37 members, 11 of whom were received during the past year, under the supply of Rev. J. C. Beade. The congregation, by strong effort, will raise \$300 for the pastor's salary. They have a fine church property which is free from debt.

Also that a missionary be placed at Edinburg or Taylorville, in Christian county, Illinois, as soon as possible after the first of April, 1894. It is believed that by earnest work of a few years, and perhaps by a division of the Mt. Zion charge, the mission could be made self-supporting.

Leighton, Iowa, which declared itself self-supporting a year ago, is vacant at present, and, to secure a Minister, it becomes necessary to again enroll it as a mission.

The Anna and Union churches, in Union county, Illinois, should become a separate mission, and a missionary should be placed there. They have each a church building free of debt. The Union church needs repairs, which will not cost much.

Maquoketa, in Iowa, should have a missionary, and aggressive work should be done in that substantial county town.

We would yet report that the St. Joseph Mission has secured a valuable church property, has completely repaired the same, and it is now ready for use, except some furniture is still wanting.

Now let every member of the Church resolve in the Spirit of the Lord, to work more earnestly to save souls, to build up the Kingdom of the Lord, and largely to increase the offerings for the mission cause.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Superintendent.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

A. CASSELMAN, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions.

HOME MISSION FUND.

1892.		DR.	
Oct.	20.	To balance in hand	119 12
	24.	St. Joseph, per H. S. Gekeler	11 71
	"	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, treas.	20 00
	28.	" " " "	7 63
Nov.	26.	" " " "	77
1893.			
Jan.	3.	" " " "	3 50
	9.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, treas'r	16 03
	13.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, treas.	2 50
	20.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, treas'r	10 00
	28.	" " " "	5 30
Feb.	4.	Tipton, per G. D. Gurley	8 00
	15.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer	4 36
Mar.	7.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley	2 60

	25.	D. B. Shuey	5 00
Apl.	7.	Kansas Cl. per J. A. Novinger, treas'r	23 00
	8.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer	27 62
	9.	" " " " "	6 45
	12.	Kansas Cl. per J. A. Novinger, treas'r	21 50
	15.	Lyons W. M. S.	14 50
	21.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, treas.	25 67
	24.	Iola per R. D. Coblentz	3 11
	"	" " " J. T. Treadway	5 01
	25.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer	66 56
	27.	" " " " "	47 20
May	4.	" " " " "	49 64
July	14.	" " " " "	12 40
	17.	" " " " "	13 40
Aug.	1.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, treas.	2 03
	10.	Kansas " " J. A. Novinger, tr.	20 00
	28.	Illinois " " J. Sechler, treas'r	16 50
Sept.	18.	" " " " "	22 00
	19.	Lincoln Classis per T. F. Stauffer, tr.	26 00
	20.	Collections. D. S. Fouse	405 60
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			\$ 1024 76

1892		CR.	
Dec.	8.	Cash to Chas. Santee, treasurer	100 00
1893.			
Jan.	18.	" " " "	50 00
Apl.	7.	" " " "	60 41
	18.	" " " "	37 50
May	10.	" " " "	171 34
July	18.	James T. Reber, " "	50 00
Aug.	28.	" " " "	40 64
Sept.	20.	" D. S. Fouse, Supt	405 60
<i>Balance in hand</i>			<i>109 27</i>
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			\$ 1024 76

HUNGARIAN FUND.

1892.		DR	
Oct.	20.	Balance in hand	\$ 9 31
	28.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, treas.	2 33
Nov.	21.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley	1 80
Dec.	20.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer	4 38
1893.			
Jan.	9.	" " " "	1 59
Feb.	15.	" " " "	1 74
Apl.	7.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, tr.	3 35
	9.	Illinois " J. Sechler, " "	3 43
	21.	Wichita " D. B. Shuey, " "	4 33
	27.	Illinois " J. Sechler, " "	2 04
Aug.	9.	Liscomb per S. Ream,	1 93
Sept.	19.	Lincoln Classis per T. F. Stauffer, tr.	5 05
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			\$ 41 28

1893.	CR.	
Apl. 12.	Cash to Chas. Santee	27 67
28.	" J. T. Reber	8 56
	<i>Balance in hand</i>	5 05
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		\$ 41 28

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1892.	DR.	
Oct. 20.	Balance in hand	19 15
24.	St. Joseph per H. S. Gekeler	5 00
Nov. 21.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treas'r	29 38
25.	Collection, D. B. Shuey	12 50
1893.		
Apl. 7.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, tr.	10 50
Sept. 19.	Lincoln " T. F. Stauffer, "	4 50
20.	D. S. Fouse	5 00
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		\$ 86 03

1892.	CR.	
Dec. 8.	To Jos. Lemberger	27 50
1893.		
Apl. 18.	" "	21 50
July 18.	" "	25 80
	<i>Balance in hand</i>	11 23
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		\$ 86 03

HARBOR MISSION FUND.

1892.	DR.	
Oct. 20.	Balance in hand	4 28
1893.		
Aug. 28.	To J. T. Reber	4 28

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

1892.	DR.	
Oct. 20.	Balance in hand	13 45
28.	Wichita Classis per D. B. Shuey, treas.	3 80
Nov. 21.	Tipton per G. D. Gurley	1 80
Dec. 20.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler, treasurer	7 30
1893.		
Jan. 9.	" " "	2 65
Feb. 15.	" " "	2 90
Apl. 7.	Kansas Cl. per J. A. Novinger, "	2 01
21.	Wichita Cl. per D. B. Shuey, "	8 80
17.	Illinois Classis per J. Sechler "	3 40
May 4.	" " "	2 50

May 9.	Liscomb per S. Ream	3 20	
Sept. 19.	Lincoln Cl. per T. F. Stauffer, treas'r	1 75	
			\$ 53 56
1892.	CR.		
Oct. 24.	To D. S. Fouse	13 45	
1893.			
Apl. 6.	" "	18 45	
Sept. 20.	Balance in hand	21 66	
			\$ 53 56

SUMMARY.

HOME MISSIONS.

1892.				
Oct. 20.	Amt. on hand	\$ 119 12	Total paid out	\$ 915 49
	Total receipts	905 64	Balance in hand	109 27
	Grand total	1024 76		1024 76

HUNGARIAN MISSION.

Oct. 20.	Amt. on hand	9 31	Total paid out	36 23
	Total receipts	31 97	Balance in hand	5 05
		41 28		41 28

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Oct. 20.	Amt. on hand	19 15	Total paid out	74 80
	Total receipts	66 88	Balance in hand	11 23
		86 03		86 03

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Oct. 20.	Amt. on hand	4 28	Total paid out	4 28
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CHURCH EXTENSION.

Oct. 20.	Amt. on hand	13 45	Total paid out	31 90
	Total receipts	40 11	Balance in hand	21 66
		53 56		53 56

FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Oct. 20.	Amt. on hand	165 31	Total paid out	1062 70
	Total receipts	1044 60	Total balance in hand	147 21
		1209 91		1209 91

This report was referred to the Committee on Finance for auditing.

On motion the Superintendent of Missions of this Synod and the Treasurer of the Mission Board were requested to report hereafter only to the Board, and that the Board give the substance of said reports to the Synod.

*Annual Report of General Board of Missions, Reformed Church in the U. S.
From Sept. 1, 1892 to Sept. 1, 1893.*

To the English Synods :

BRETHREN :— From the fact that a full report was rendered by the Board to the late General Synod at Reading, and widely distributed throughout the Church, it was not deemed necessary to issue a report at this time, for general distribution, but only to present a general review of the work for the past year.

We have many reasons for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for His abundant mercy toward us in the general missionary work of the Church. The past year has witnessed the fruit of the unification movement, and it must be admitted by all who have noticed the results that they have been all that the most hopeful could have predicted. At the beginning of the year we had just entered upon the work in this united form, and there were then those who still believed that it would have been best to allow the different Synods to carry on the work as they had been doing for years before. But more than a year has elapsed since the new order of things was inaugurated and the results have been most satisfactory. We can but rejoice as we look back over the year's work. Not only has God blessed our labors, but we may claim most justly, for those under the Board, a year of faithful and diligent service. God blesses those only in the labors of his vineyard who are faithful in the discharge of their duties. This being the test, we may believe that as a general thing our Missionaries have been faithful to their trust, as their labors abundantly prove. As in other years, the Board was not in a position to answer all the calls made upon it. The work might be greatly extended, had the Board the means at hand. So far the Board had less difficulty in getting men than means. We deem it a hopeful sign for the Church that men are more willing to offer themselves for the Mission work.

SELF-SUPPORTING.

The past year has witnessed a determination on the part of quite a number of Missions to become independent of the Board by providing for their own support. This is as it should be, although with a number of these fields it was a severe struggle to do so. There is a tendency on the part of some fields to seek aid from the Board when they might be self-sustaining, so that we feel more like giving praise to those that are determined to support themselves and allow the Board to take up other points. Liberty Center, O., Scottdale, Pa., Salem, Ore., Stafford, Ore., Timberville, Va., West Roan, N. C., and Williamsport, Pa. have passed off the roll of the Board during the year. Other fields are very near the line of self-support and we confidently expect them to become independent of the Board in the near future.

NEW FIELDS.

Of these a larger number were added during the year than the number that became self-supporting. When the last annual report was offered, arrangements had been made for the enrollment of several fields. Including these the following is a list of those enrolled during the year: Athens, Mich., Massillon, O., Apollo, Pa., Grove City, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Columbus Junction, Ia., Tyrone, Pa., Harrisburg, Pa., West Philadelphia and Philadelphia, Pa. Of these, Philadelphia, Pa., Grove City, Pa., and Massillon, O. do not go into operation until October 1, 1893—although they are now regularly entered upon the rolls of the Board. In addition to these fields that have been enrolled, many calls came to the Board asking that other points be taken up. Gladly would the Board give heed to all these calls, but to do so is simply impossible. Youngstown, O., has often been brought to the notice of the Board as an important point, but lack of funds has made its enrollment impossible thus far. It is, however, next on the list for enrollment among the large cities.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

At the date of writing this report the two missionaries, Jaraay and Kovacs only are in this important field. These good brethren have been carrying forward this work with much zeal and success. The former has purchased a lot in Cleveland and is going forward with the erection of a church edifice. During the year this brother organized a new congregation in Toledo, Ohio. Brother Kovacs has organized congregations at different points, and has been greatly extending his work. But it may seem strange to the Synods that a third man has not been called into the field. He has been called, but from the fact that some persons not authorized have taken it upon themselves to correspond with parties in Hungary with regard to an additional Missionary, the work has been retarded rather than otherwise. It may be, however, that by the time this report reaches the Synods the additional Missionary will be in the field. It affords us pleasure to state that through the good offices of Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburg, Mr Hanna, of that City has given \$500 toward the increase of this good work. Might not others do the same?

The Board, in order that it may receive the support it deserves, asks that the sum of \$2500 be apportioned upon the Synods for this work for the ensuing year as follows :

Eastern Synod,.....	\$ 1,000
Potomac " 	300
Ohio " 	250
Central " 	200
N. Western " 	300
Pittsburg " 	275
German Synod of East,	100
Interior Synod,.....	75

Total \$ 2500

With this sum, it is believed, the work can be carried forward through the year, including the expenses of the third missionary.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Much has been said upon the importance of this arm of the work. But its importance is not yet fully appreciated by our Church, much as has been written upon it. Four funds of \$500 each have been obtained during the year for this work. These were special funds. Other moneys have been received from the apportionments. During the year a church property was purchased in St. Joseph, Mo., at a cost of \$4750, and a lot in Columbus, O., at a cost of \$3300. Several payments were also made on lots purchased during the previous year. To accomplish this, the Board was compelled to borrow some funds, so that the actual indebtedness at this time is \$2750. But to meet payment in the near future, it may be necessary to borrow additional moneys. But as an offset of this debt we might state that very little of the apportionments made in the spring has come in as yet, which when received will be applied on this debt. There are a few bequests for this cause which will be received soon, which can also be applied to the liquidation of the debt. But the Board can not assist any other field until this indebtedness is canceled. The Synods would do well to urge their membership to liberal giving for the cause of Church Extension. There certainly is no other object more worthy and none that will help so much to extend the Church. This cause should be presented to the people as especially worthy of their donations and bequests.

THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD.

On September first, Treasurer Reber reported the outlook for the October payments rather discouraging. No less than \$8500 will be needed on Oct. 1st for the payment of the Missionaries. From appearances at this writing that sum will hardly be at hand when needed. This shortage is caused, doubtless, by the financial stringency, and the fact also that many of our pastors have been absent from their charges during the greater part of the quarter. Some may blame the Board for enrolling so

many Missions during the year. Could the Board have foreseen the financial crash that has come upon the country, a less number would doubtless have been enrolled. But they are now on our roll. To strike them off would be wrong. The best we can do is to fulfill our contract with them. But to do this, it is necessary for the Church to stand by the Board. Times are hard we are told. True, and for that very reason it is a bad time for the Board to be involved in a debt. The Board needs every cent that has been promised to Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Extension, and Harbor Missions. If the Church fails to provide these funds, the Board must fail to meet its obligations. For the year commencing April 1, 1894, the Board must have at least \$40,000 for Missions direct. There are those who may say that this sum is too large—that no such appropriations should have been made. This may be, but the subordinate Boards insisted that their Missions be enrolled and the Board was almost forced to enroll them. In several instances the intimation came to the Board that if it did not enroll certain Missions their funds would be withheld and they would be supported by the subordinate Boards. The Synods will observe under what stress the Board is placed at times. It is always glad to enroll Missions when possible, and now let the Church stand manfully by it so that it can meet its obligations.

FUNDS NEEDED.

For the ensuing year the Board needs the sum of \$40,000 for Missions direct. When all the Missions are fully manned that sum will be required. The Executive Committee at its meeting in Pittsburg on July 11th, made careful estimates of the sums needed, and requested that the following apportionments be made for the year from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895 :

Eastern Synod.....	\$ 17,000
Potomac "	9,000
Ohio "	8,000
Pittsburg "	4,500

Interior	“	1,500
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Total	\$40,000
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Considering the increase of membership these amounts are but little larger than were asked of these Synods in past years.

In addition to the above the General Board makes the earnest request that the small sum of five cents per member be apportioned for the Cause of Church Extension. While these apportionments may seem large in the aggregate, yet we find that all these combined (not including Harbor Missions) do not reach quite thirty-one cents per member. This is certainly a small sum for a member of the Church to pay toward so noble a cause as Home Missions.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

Funds, additional to the apportionments, have been gathered during the year, generally under the name of the 1000, 5's fund. Much of this was used for Church Extension, but a goodly share of it went for the regular work. In this way was made up the deficiency in apportionments. The same will be continued through the year to come. The Superintendents will find much hard work before them in looking up the deficiencies in the apportionments and in gathering additional funds. This is seemingly necessary during the money stringency. We ask that the Synods give all possible encouragement to the gathering of these additional funds. If this matter is seen to at the proper time the Board and the Church will be saved the annoyance of an ugly debt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Synods will notice that the officers of the Board are Rev. J. A. Peters, President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Vice President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary; and Elder C. M. Boush, Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

We are glad to state that the Missions are all supplied with earnest pastors—with two exceptions, and they have

prospects of getting pastors at an early date.

We are gratified to be able to state that all our Missionaries are paid up in full to July 1, 1893.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Eastern Synod and the Potomac Synod are hereby notified that the time for which Superintendent Whitmer was elected will expire on December 31, 1893, and are requested to nominate his successor according to the terms of the Plan of Unification.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. S. FOUSE, Miss'y Supt.

Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Report of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Interior Synod, of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions begs most respectfully to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the grand successes and encouraging prospects, as also to the urgent wants and embarrassing limitations of our foreign work. In view of the very full presentation of all these interests recently made in our Triennial Report to General Synod, a copy of which has been sent to each of our pastors, it is not deemed necessary to repeat them here, but simply refer you to that Report. Since the rendering of that Report, our two schools in Sendai have been in vacation, and no important intelligence has reached us, except the sad fact of the critical illness of our dear brother, Rev. D. B. Schneder, who at last accounts was still very sick of typhoid fever. But happily the belief was that the indications were favorable to his recovery. We are pained to have to say that his associates in the field attribute his illness largely to over work. The Board has frequently apprised the Church that for the want of adequate financial means we were compelled to expose our faithful missionaries to this

wrongful exaction. And up to the present time the inadequacy of our means has not been relieved by a larger response from the home Church. Dear Brethren, shall we sacrifice the health and possibly the lives of our beloved Brethren in Japan, when the means for their relief would be readily available, if self-denying effort be employed by those of us who are at home?

We would further bespeak your careful attention, and earnestly solicit the necessary responsive action on your part, to the action of the late General Synod, in the interest of Foreign Mission work. This action was prompted by a spirit of profound gratitude to God, for the surprising blessings and success with which He had crowned our work in Japan, as also the painful conviction that our Church was not responding in the measure in which He had given her ability. It therefore resolved solemnly that an advance should be made in the amount of her contributions that she might do her part in answer to the leadings of divine Providence. The resolution fixed the sum needed at \$35,000 per year for the next three years. It also indicated the amount necessary from each District Synod, to secure the sum. This was done not as a direct authoritative apportionment, but rather as a tentative measure, indicating how much each Synod ought to raise, leaving it to each to devise its own methods for securing it. The distribution of the sum needed was as follows:

Eastern Synod	\$15,000
Ohio Synod	3,300
Synod of the North-west	3,200
Pittsburg Synod	2,600
Potomac Synod	5,100
German Synod of the East	2,500
Central Synod	3,100
Interior Synod	200

We are well aware that there are other and urgent claims upon the benevolence of our Church, but we submit, that our Church has not been responding in a just measure of her

ability. Observation and experience have demonstrated that our people are not as slow to advance in their benevolent contributions, as perhaps some of our ministers have considered them, and that to an intelligent, instructive, and earnest presentation of the claims of Foreign Missions our people will respond, in addition to their other gifts.

We beg to suggest the adoption of such methods as will bring the subject home to each and every congregation. Let something effective be done, that the full amount designated for you by General Synod may be raised. For the methods heretofore employed have shown themselves sadly inadequate to the necessities of the case.

With the prayer for the divine blessing upon you in your deliberations, and in your persons, I am

Your Brother in Christ.

S. N. CALLENDER, Secretary.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., August 24, 1893.

Referred to Committee on Missions.

During the Wednesday morning session, Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, addressed the Synod on the cause of Foreign Missions, bringing to the notice of Synod the great work that is being accomplished in Japan. He urged all to greater earnestness in the cause to meet the needs to carry on the work.

He also reported the serious illness of Rev. D. B. Schneider, one of our Missionaries in Japan. At the conclusion of his address, Synod engaged in prayer, led by Rev. H. S. Gekeler, for brother Schneider's recovery.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD: Your Committee on Missions begs leave to offer as their report the following: We have had referred to us and have considered the report of the Superintendent of the General Board of Home Missions, of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, of the

Superintendent of this Synod, of the President of the Board, and of the Treasurer of this Synod.

From these several papers, we learn of the prosperous state of the Home and Foreign work for which we owe heartfelt thanks to the God of Missions.

1. We recommend that the reports referred to all be published in the Minutes of Synod for the information of our pastors and people.

2. We also recommend that we willingly accept the apportionment made by the General Home and Foreign Boards, and that Classes be instructed to see to it that the apportionments upon the charges be paid promptly.

3. We would again record our high appreciation of the women's work in the good cause and again say with all our hearts, go on, dear Sisters, doing "whatsoever your hands find to do" in co-operation with us to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

4. We also recognize in the Missionary Guardian and Woman's Journal efficient helpers in this great cause and commend these bright and interesting periodicals to our people.

5. To interest the children and youth of the Church in Missions, we would urge the formation of Mission Bands, and of monthly or, at least, quarterly offerings for the benefit of our Missionary Treasuries by our Sunday Schools.

6. We have heard with great pleasure the address to this Synod by Rev. Dr. Callender, on the needs of our Foreign work, and the prospect we have for usefulness in Japan. This subject ought to be very near the heart of every child of Grace, and it is sincerely hoped that all our people, old and young, will do all that is possible to support the work. We know of no way in which Christian life can be so well developed and so much of spiritual blessing secured as by earnest and liberal effort in the spreading of Christ's Kingdom and the saving of precious souls.

7. Finally, we recommend that the Finance Committee be and is hereby instructed to make all the apportionments,

called by the papers referred to for the Home and Foreign work in proportion to the numerical strength of each Classis.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. W. LOVE, Chairman.

The report was acted on by items and after the adoption of the separate items, the report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

J. HENRY BROWN, TREASURER, in account with the Synod of the Interior, Reformed Church in the United States.

CONTINGENT FUND.

1892.		DR.	
Oct. 22.	To Balance from last year	\$	75 64
27.	To Illinois Classis in full		49 62
29.	To Iowa " "		50 82
Nov. 25.	To Wichita " "		21 66
1893.			
May 4.	To Kansas " "		32 64
Sept. 19.	To Lincoln " in part		5 30
Total			\$ 235 68
Arrearages—Lincoln Classis. 1891			8 75
" " 1892			6 58

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO REIMBURSE CONTINGENT FUND ON ACC'T OF PROF. ALT'S SALARY.

1893.			
July 11.	To Wichita Church		7 50
Aug. 7.	To Abilene Church		6 55
	To Circleville Church		1 90
	To Wells Church		80
	To Hiawatha Church		3 30
Sept. 19.	To Lincoln Church		1 11
Total			21 16
Arrearages—Illinois Classis			10 00
	Iowa " "		15 00
	Kansas " "		7 45
	Wichita " "		17 50
	Lincoln " "		3 89
Total received			256 84

1892.	CR.		
Oct. 22.	By Cash to D. S. Fouse for use of church	5 00	
	By Cash to J. W. Alspach, printing tickets	1 50	
Dec. 1.	By Cash to G. D. Gurley, acc't of printing		
	Minutes and Expressage	80 00	
	By Cash to G. D. Gurley, salary	25 00	
20.	By Cash to G. D. Gurley, bal. on Minutes	11 50	
30.	By Cash to Prof. Alt, salary per order of		
	Synod, see Item 6, page 32	75 00	
1893.			
Sept. 19.	Balance in hands of Treasurer	58 84	
	Total		256 84

SPECIAL FOR WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

1893.	DR.		
July 11.	Wichita Church	2 78	
Aug. 7.	Abilene Church	27 19	
	Circleville Church	6 62	
	Total		36 59
1893.	CR.		
Aug. 10.	L. D. Skinner, Treasurer		36 59

ORPHAN HOME FUND.

1892.	DR.		
Oct. 22.	W. M. S., Leighton Charge	1 00	
1893.			
Jan. 3.	Rev. D. B. Shuey	6 00	
	" " Circleville	3 00	
	" " Emporia	2 16	
	Rev. H. S. Gekeler, St Joseph	2 63	
9.	Wichita Congregation and S. S.	10 00	
Sept. 19.	Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Lincoln	1 00	
			25 79
1893.	CR.		
Jan. 4.	C. Gross, Bethany	3 72	
	B. Wolff, Butler	3 72	
	C. Hartman, Ft. Wayne	3 72	
9.	B. Wolff, Butler	10 00	
Apl. 22.	" "	3 63	
Sept. 19.	Balance in hand	1 00	
			25 79

All debts of Synod are paid in full. Rev. G. D. Gurley charged only \$25.00 for his services as Stated Clerk, as he did not serve the full year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY BROWN, Treasurer.

This report was referred to the Committee on Finance for auditing.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance herewith offer their report.

The papers referred to us were, Report of the Treasurer of Synod and the Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions.

These reports we audited and found them correct.

The amounts referred to us for apportionment call for the following rates:

Contingent Fund	7½ cents
Home Missions	53 "
Foreign Missions	8 "
Beneficiary Education	5 "
Church Extension	5 "
Hungarian Missions	3 "

The following are the apportionments:

CLASSES.	Members.	Contingent—7½ Cents.	Home Missions—53 Cents.	Foreign Missions—8 Cents.	Beneficiary Education—5 Cents.	Church Extension—5 Cents.	Hungarian Miss'ns—3 Cts.	Total—81½ Cents.
Illinois	795	59 62	421 35	63 60	39 75	39 75	23 85	647 92
Iowa	890	66 75	471 70	71 20	44 50	44 50	26 70	725 35
Kansas	579	43 42	306 87	46 32	28 95	28 95	17 37	471 88
Wichita	387	29 02	205 11	30 96	19 35	19 35	11 61	315 40
Lincoln	163	12 22	86 39	13 04	8 15	8 15	4 89	132 84
	2814	211 03	1491 42	225 12	140 70	140 70	84 42	2293 39

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA WOLBACH, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

According to the request of Synod, the Stated Clerk had the Minutes of Synod published, and the Board issued an order on its Treasurer to pay the bill of the printers. We think the work was carefully and economically performed.

The Otis parsonage has been vacant most of the time during the past year ; and while it was occupied last winter by Henry Korell, he was permitted to live there on half rent by request of the Otis congregation, in consideration of his special work which he performed for the congregation, in conducting their religious services on the Lord's day and instructing the young people in the Catechism and the Scriptures.

The Otis parsonage account is as follows :

1892.	DR.	
Oct. 17. Balance on hand		\$ 76 28
Dec. 19. Henry Korell, Rent		10 00
1893.		
Mar. 12. Henry Korell, Rent		5 00
Aug. 1. Interest on Note		2 55
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		\$ 93 83
1892.	CR.	
Dec. 19. Window Lights		1 00
1893.		
Sept. 15. Cash in Citizen's Bank of Emporia, Kansas		92 83
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		\$ 93 83

There are some repairs on the parsonage absolutely necessary. The Board has instructed its President to have the necessary repairs made.

The term of Rev. A. Casselman expires with this meeting of the Synod and Rev. G. D. Gurley, having left our Synod, these two vacancies are referred to the Synod.

Respectfully Submitted

D. B. SHUEY, President.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE XIV.

EDUCATION.

*Report of Trustees of Wichita University.***To the Synod of the Interior.**

We are glad to report to this venerable body that your Institution has been in successful operation during the past scholastic year, and the attendance has been pretty good. No difficulties, that we are aware of, have arisen at any time and the school closed at the regular time in the summer, graduating seven students in the academic course, one in the business, and one in the music department.

We are pleased to report that our Treasurer has received \$100.00 from the estate of Miss Sue Brown, of Lewisburg, Pa., who had bequeathed that amount to this Institution. The collateral inheritance tax, and other expenses were first deducted, leaving us about \$92.00, which was placed to the endowment fund. There has been considerable shrinkage in our endowment fund caused by the foreclosure of some mortgages on properties which had depreciated in value and which we had to purchase at Sheriff's sale, paying the costs and taxes due on the same. Some of these properties bring us a very small income, so that little is left after paying the taxes on them. As soon as prices become better we shall sell and invest the funds. Quite a number of our mortgages, however, are bringing in their interest regularly which is used in paying what is due our former teachers and in giving some assistance to maintain the school at present.

The Supreme Court, after long delay, has at last heard the case of Wichita University vs. Henry Schweitzer et al., and reversed the judgment of the lower court and remanded the case for a new trial. The court, however, failed to decide certain disputed point which we had hoped it would, and hence these will have to be gone over again in the new trial.

The Board has not been able so far to establish the

theological department in the Institution which the Synod authorized. We were in hopes of receiving aid from our brethren in the East for this purpose, but at present their hands seem to be full with the work of other Institutions. We, however, have some promises for the future.

After all the preparation for the coming year had been made with Prof. A. S. Miller to continue the school, he received a call to labor elsewhere, which he felt he ought to accept. Thus his removal to another field just before the time of opening to school leaves us without a President. Rev. S. A. Alt, however is acting President, and the arrangements are made to open the school at the regular time.

We urge all the members of Synod to give Wichita University their hearty support in funds and in giving us students.

To fill vacancies in the Board, the following nominations are submitted to the Synod: Revs. Bruce Griffith and T. F. Stauffer, D. M. Jones and F. P. Martin of the Reformed Church and J. C. Rutan and T. E. Fouts not of our Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. SNEY, President.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

To the Synod of the Interior.

We have to remind the members of Synod that the income of the Board has been far short of the apportionments for this purpose. The apportionments should be paid in full, so that the Board will be enabled to assist more young men to reach the Gospel Ministry.

Mr. John Kahm has been our only student during the past year. He is in attendance at Wichita University, and so far as we could ascertain, has made commendable progress. Kansas Classis made application for another student recommending him to the Board, resolving to double their apportionment for his benefit. This student was advised by Kansas Classis to come from the Mission

House to Wichita University for the purpose of becoming more efficient in the English language. He, however, prefers to remain in the Mission House and forego the benefit of the aid provided for him

The term of Rev. G. D. Gurley expires with this meeting, and the Synod is asked to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully Submitted.

D. B. SHUEY, President.

These two reports were referred to the Committee on Education.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

J. W. LOVE, TREASURER, in account with the Board of Beneficiary Education.

1892.		DR.		
Aug. 21.	Balance at last settlement			\$ 178 56
Nov. 4.	Lisbon Charge, Iowa Cl. per	F. M. Shults		5 90
26.	Otis Charge, Wichita " "	D. B. Shuey		1 50
1893.				
Jan. 7.	Shelby Chg. Illinois " "	Jos. Sechler		2 65
9.	Wichita " Wichita " "	D. S. Stover		5 50
Feb. 24.	Zwingli " Iowa " "	F. C. Bauman		3 00
25.	Zion " Illinois " "	Jos. Sechler		7 30
Mar. 2.	Kansas Classis per Rev. J. A. Novinger, tr.			4 90
Apl. 5.	Illinois " " "	Jos. Sechler		2 90
	Kansas " " "	H. S. Gekeler		3 50
	Wichita " " "	A. Casselman		5 00
	Kansas " " "	J. A. Novinger		3 35
June 10.	Wichita " " "	S. A. Alt		2 50
Aug. 10.	Iowa " " "	S. Ream		3 20
17.	Int. on Note from Knight Investment Co.			5 25
21.	" " " "			5 25
Sept. 20.	Iowa Cl. Leighton Chg. Rev. D. S. Fouse			55
22.	" Maquoketa Chg. " "			2 66
	Lincoln Cl. per Rev. T. F. Stauffer, treas.			7 00
Balance and Total Receipts				\$ 250 47
1892.		CR.		
Dec. 16.	John H. Kahm			10 00
1893.				
Feb. 8.	" "			10 00
Mar. 20.	" "			10 00
Apl. 7.	" "			5 00
May 2.	" "			14 00
June 23.	" "			12 55
Sept. 23.	Balance in Treasury			188 92

\$ 250 47

J. W. LOVE, Treas. Board.

The items of the above report not all being on hand, Synod directed that the completed report be referred to the Stated Clerk for auditing. The report was found correct with the proper vouchers. [STATED CLERK.]

Report of Committee on Education.

Synod of the Interior:

BRETHREN IN THE LORD: The reports of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, Board of Orphans' Homes, Board of Beneficiary Education, and Item 3 of the report of Committee on Minutes of General Synod were referred to your Committee. We have carefully examined these and beg leave to submit the following resolutions in lieu thereof for adoption.

Resolved, That we as a Synod hereby express our gratification in the management of the affairs of the University by the Board.

Resolved, That the Synod requests the Classes to call the attention of the pastors and Consistories to the wants of the Institution, urging upon them the importance of securing Students for it, and to give the same liberal financial support, bearing in mind the action relating to annual contributions to our educational Institutions, as recorded in Minutes of Synod of 1892, page 32, No. 5.

Resolved, That the Resolutions reported by the Board of Orphans' Homes be hereby adopted.

Resolved, That Synod assess five cents per member for Beneficiary Education, and urges that the same be paid in full, together with the arrearages.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

This report was adopted.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Nothing has been done by the Sunday School Board during the past year in the interest of this work. Possibly

this arises from the fact that Synod, at the last annual meeting, decided that no special service was to be held at this meeting of Synod in the interest of this work. This fact is much regretted by the Committee, in view of the usual aggressive spirit and nature of our Sunday School work; and also in view of the appointment by General Synod of a field Secretary. Brethren, it is high time to awake out of sleep.

Rev. G. W. Remagen, Stated Clerk of Kansas Classis, has sent in a communication saying that because blanks could not be secured, it was impossible for him to send a statistical report to this Synod. While this leaves the report in an imperfect condition, it is hoped that the present plans of the Sunday School Secretary will avoid any recurrence of such failure.

The General Synod's Sunday School Secretary writes that it was impossible for him to be present at this meeting of Synod. He also sends the following letter to this body:

To the Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in United States.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In behalf of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod, the Executive Committee would respectfully send greeting and beg leave to present several matters for your consideration.

We are happy to report that the interests of our Sunday Schools received the earnest, favorable attention of the late General Synod. The Synod by its action has laid the obligation upon the Board, and it upon the Church to give more careful supervision to the Sunday School work. And as an aid to this it has instructed the Board to appoint a Sunday School Secretary, who shall devote his entire time and energy to the work of increasing the number and efficiency of our Sunday Schools.

The Synod also requested all the Sunday Schools of the Church to pay an apportionment of a cent a Sunday School member for the support of this general work.

The Sunday School Board has carried out the instruc-

tions of the General Synod and has elected the Rev. Rufus W. Miller to the office of Sunday School Secretary ; and has sent a circular letter to all the pastors of the Church asking for the prompt payment of General Synod's apportionment.

And now the full inception of this work depends upon the hearty and unanimous response of the Church. Offerings in some cases exceeding the asked for amount have already been received in an encouraging number, and the Secretary stands ready to enter upon his duties as soon as the Church by her response permits the Board to place him in the field.

We, therefore, earnestly request your reverend Synod to take such action as will call the immediate attention of the Sunday Schools within your bounds to the importance of co-operating with General Synod's Board in the general Sunday School work of our Church, and in case they have not forwarded the apportionment for the current year to do so at once. And further request as an aid to this general work that Synod, should no such Board or committee be already in existence, to constitute a Board or standing Committee on Sunday School Work, to which shall be committed the general Sunday School work of the Synod.

And, also, that Synod request its various Classes to appoint a Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools, whose duty it shall be to arouse an interest in Sunday School work within the bounds of the Classis, to hold Sunday School conventions, if advisable, to gather statistics, etc., and to co-operate with General Synod's Board and the district Synod's Committees or Boards in the Sunday School work of the Church.

Further, the Sunday School Board desires to say that they will put forth the utmost efforts to advance the standard of our Sunday School work and Sunday School Lesson Helps ; and will endeavor to take such measures as will tend to arouse a deeper interest in the Sunday School work of the Reformed Church ; and in addition, propose to

carry on their work in accordance with the genius, polity, and recognized authorities of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, Sec'y Elect.

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with much pleasure of the forward step taken by the General Synod's Board of Sunday Schools in the appointment of Rev. Rufus W. Miller as General Secretary of Sunday School work in the Reformed church.

Resolved, That we pledge Rev. Rufus W. Miller our earnest co-operation in this work.

Resolved, That our schools pay the one cent a Sunday School member fund as soon as possible.

In response to the request made by Dr. Callender, we urge upon our Sunday Schools the importance of coming to the support of the Board of Foreign Missions by purchasing as many shares as possible for the support of Rev. Dr. Moore in his work in Sendai, Japan.

Inasmuch as the Sunday School is such an important factor in the success of our church work, we urge the active interest of all our Classes in these matters, and suggest that we take no backward steps. It may at times seem to be a small work; but let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

The time of the following members of the Sunday School Board expires with this meeting of Synod: Elder J. Miller, and the unexpired term of Rev. G. D. Gurley.

The table of Sunday School statistics is appended; but because no report was sent in from Wichita and Kansas Classes, it is incomplete.

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. ZARTMAN, Chairman.

This report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVI

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported on Friday forenoon, and their report was adopted. The Committee was directed to post its report so that all members of Synod could prepare their tickets. Revs. P. E. Zartman and F. M. Shultz acted as tellers. The new members elected to the different Boards are marked by an *.

BOARDS.

Missions.—Rev. S. Shaw*, 5 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 4 years; Rev. S. Ream, 3 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 2 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 1 year.

Beneficiary Education.—Rev. S. P. Harrington*, 5 years; Rev. J. W. Love, Treasurer, 4 years; Rev. J. W. Alspach, Secretary, 3 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, President, 2 years; Elder Fred Isely, 1 year.

Board of Orphans' Homes.—Rev. J. W. Alspach*, 5 years; Rev. F. M. Shultz, 4 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 3 years; Rev. D. N. Frantz, 2 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 1 year.

Board of Sunday School Work.—Rev. A. Casselman*, 5 years; Rev. P. E. Zartman, President, 4 years; Rev. S. Ream*, 3 years; Rev. G. W. Remagen, 2 years; Elder J. Sweinhart, Secretary, 1 year.

Board of Trustees of Synod.—Rev. D. N. Frantz*, 5 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, Secretary and Treasurer, 4 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, President, 3 years; Rev. J. Sechler, 2 years; Elder Fred Isely*, 1 year.

Trustees of Wichita University.—Rev. Bruce Griffith*, D. M. Jones*, J. C. Rutan*, each for 5 years.

ARTICLE XVII.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

*Report of the Board of Orphans' Homes.***To the Synod of the Interior:**

In presenting this annual report, the Board begs leave to say that no items of business have been brought to our notice, more than such as were incidentally gathered from statements made concerning these Institutions in the columns of the Church periodicals during the year. None of the Institutions have furnished your Board any statement

whatever as to their wants. We take it for granted, however, that these are of the usual kind. From our meager information we are able to report that all of our Homes are doing good work in caring for the helpless children under their control.

From what we can gather in a general way, we believe that the congregations comprising this Synod are not giving the orphan cause due attention. Knowing that there is room for larger liberality on the part of all our congregations and Sunday Schools, and being aware of the fact that there are orphan children knocking for admittance to our Homes, we feel that this Synod should require Classes to call special attention of pastors, congregations, and Sunday Schools to this subject. The Board therefore offers the following resolutions for adoption.

Resolved, That Synod hereby requests the Classes to call attention of pastors, congregations, and Sunday Schools to the importance of sustaining our Orphan Homes as one of the most worthy charities of the Church of Christ.

Resolved, That the Christmas offerings be devoted to this cause, and that every member and Sunday School scholar be urged to contribute to the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, President.

This report was referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mease Monument.

To the Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on the erection of a monument upon the grave of Rev. S. Mease D. D., report that the monument has been purchased from Kimball & Fralick, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the sum of \$75.00.

The monument will be completed and placed in position on the grave on or before November 1, 1893. The height

will be six feet from the ground not including the foundation. The base will be of white limestone rock, twenty inches square. The second base will be 16x16x8 inches. The shaft will be 12x12 inches by 42 inches in height, including the figure of the Bible. The whole, exclusive of the limestone base, is of dark blue Rutland Marble and highly polished. The inscription is as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Samuel Mease D. D., of the Reformed Church in the United States. Died August 17, 1892, in his 65th year. Tribulations ended. Eternal joys begun. Erected by personal friends.

The price of the monument complete and set up in first class condition is \$125.00. The firm of Kimball & Fralick owing to the circumstances connected with the death of our departed brother, donated of this price \$50.00, leaving the actual cost of the monument to the committee to be \$75.00. This sum is now on deposit and will be paid to Kimball & Fralick as soon as the contract is fulfilled on their part.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

This report was adopted.

Report on Constitution of Reformed League of Society of Christian Endeavor.
Synod of the Interior.

BRETHREN: Your Committee, continued from last meeting of Synod, to prepare a Constitution for the above named society begs leave to offer the following report:

We have carefully noted the progress of the Y. P. S. C. E., as operated under the revised Constitution of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and with great pleasure here record the fact of the material progress made. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the Y. P. S. C. E. is rapidly advancing to an absolute international character reaching out to the young people of the Church, of Christ's Church, regardless of denominational distinction, yet not so as to abrogate denominational Church life and tenets.

The late convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. held in Toronto was of a most interesting and far-reaching character, the results of which can hardly be computed. The handwriting upon the wall confused the wisdom of men highly honored by their earthly king, but not so with the man of God, Daniel. Will it, brethren in Christ Jesus, be saying too much, if we affirm that the coming of the young people of the Church to the front rank of Christian life and activity through the constituted means of the Y. P. S. C. E. is a warning to the powers of spiritual darkness and revelry that the petitions "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" are being rapidly answered in the advancing hosts of consecrated young people in the Church of Christ, and that the reign of Satan upon earth is just as rapidly coming to an end? We think not. The writing is on the wall condemning the evil and commending the good.

In view of these things after a careful study of them and in accordance with the instructions of Synod, we submit a printed copy of the Revised Constitution of the Y. P. S. C. E. with such changes marked as your Committee deemed best so as to retain commendable denominational church relations, yet making the R. L. Y. P. S. C. E. an integral part of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, bringing of our young people into living touch with the great body of the United Society.

In doing this your Committee feels its own weakness. Relying upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have done the best we can do in the matter. We trust that in consideration of our report, Synod will be able to do that which is best, and that God's richest blessing upon the Church will result therefrom.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

Resolved that the Stated Clerk make a minute of the action of the Synod adopting the Constitution of the United Society of Christian Endeavor (with the exception and

additions noted) for the societies composing the Reformed League of Christian Endeavor and recommending the By-Laws of the United Society.

On the title page, the change is made to read : Constitution and By-Laws of the Reformed League of Christian Endeavor.

ART. I.—This society shall be called the Reformed League of Christian Endeavor.

ART. IV.—In Section 2, the Committees shall consist of THREE members each.

ART. V, Section 5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to safely keep all moneys belonging to the society, and to pay out only such sums as shall be voted by the society, THE SAME TO PASS THROUGH THE ORDAINED CHANNELS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Under the By-Laws, ART. IV, the blank shall be filled as follows : January and July of each year.

The above are the only changes. [STATED CLERK.]

Resolutions of Sympathy.

WHEREAS, Rev. S. K. Gross, of Schlichters, Bucks Co., Pa., a brother Minister and member of the Eastern Synod, has met with a severe and distressing accident while in this city, near the Reformed Tabernacle, causing him to lose one of his limbs, placing him on a bed of illness for a time to come, if not the losing of his life, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is with sadness and deep sorrow we learn of our brother's misfortune and consequent suffering.

Resolved, That we heartily express to this dear brother our heartfelt sympathy for him in this hour of sorrow, and that our prayer is that God will sustain him by his blessing and health and strength may be restored to him.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk present a copy of this action to Brother S. K. Gross.

Adopted.

*Report of Committee on Publication.***To the Synod of the Interior.**

DEAR BRETHREN : — Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report that only one document was placed in our hands, viz : the book entitled "Heaven," a collection of fifteen sermons, by Rev. Rufus Calvin Zartman. In the limited time your Committee had to examine the contents, we are led to look upon it as a good book, and therefore as a valuable contribution to the literature of the Reformed Church.

We would suggest that the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1200 copies of of the Minutes of Synod printed.

Respectfully Submitted.

GEO. P. HARTZELL, Chairman.

Adopted. On motion, the book was donated to the Library of Wichita University.

*Report of the Committee on Examination and Licensure.***To the Synod of the Interior.**

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would respectfully report that no candidates have presented themselves for examination at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion, D. O. Lantz was allowed \$20 for the use of the Tabernacle in which the Synod was held.

At a later session, it was resolved that inasmuch as D. O. Lantz desires that the \$20 voted to him be paid to the Chicago Mission, therefore it was directed that said order for \$20 be issued to the Chicago Reformed Mission.

Revs. H. S. Gekeler and P. E. Zartman were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the Secular and Religious Press.

Time and Place of Meeting.

On motion, Synod resolved to meet in General convention next year in the Reformed church, Hiawatha, Brown Co., Kansas. The time of meeting was left for the officers of Synod and the pastor loci to fix, but the Stated Clerk is to give at least sixty days' notice in the church papers before the time of the meeting.

NOTE.—The officers of Synod and the pastor of Hiawatha, Kansas, Reformed Church have fixed Thursday evening, Oct. 11, 1894, at 7.30 o'clock as the time for the next annual meeting of Synod of the Interior.

STATED CLERK.

Rev. S. A. Alt, Elders J. M. Root, George W. Poorman, J. Sonnedecker, Ed. Trively, John Uhler, Peter Scheib, and Rev. Henry Bair were excused for non-attendance at Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

Adjournment of Synod.

The business sessions of Synod closed on Friday noon. The roll was called and following were absent without being excused: Revs. D. K. Fulcason and G. P. Hartzell, Elders J. F. Brown, James Edelman, D. S. Long and J. W. Keefer. The minutes were read and adopted.

Synod formally adjourned to meet in General Convention in Hiawatha, Kansas, time to be designated by officers.

Synod closed with the Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Doxology and Benediction.

H. L. BEAM, President.

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from original Minutes.

D. B. SHUEY, S. C.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior held their Fifth Annual Meeting in the Reformed Tabernacle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, September 22, 1893, at 10 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. I. A. Ream, in the absence of the President, Mrs. G. D. Gurley.

The society united in singing, after which Mrs. M. E. Sechler conducted the devotional services.

As the secretary was absent, Mrs. D. N. Frantz was appointed secretary pro tem.

The following delegates were enrolled:

ILLINOIS CLASSIS: Mrs. D. O. Lantz, Mrs. J. W. Alspach, Mrs. D. N. Frantz, Mrs. M. E. Sechler, Mrs. J. F. Nicodemus.

IOWA CLASSIS: Mrs. F. C. Bauman, Mrs. I. A. Ream, Mrs. D. S. Fouse, Mrs. M. J. Lutz.

KANSAS CLASSIS: No delegates present.

WICHITA CLASSIS: No delegates present.

LINCOLN CLASSIS: Mrs. P. J. Heffley.

Mrs. D. Lantz, of Constantine, Mich., was made an advisory member.

Election of Officers.

PRESIDENT,	Mrs. P. J. Heffley.
VICE PRESIDENT,	Mrs. F. C. Bauman.
RECORDING SECRETARY,	Mrs. D. N. Frantz.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Miss Bertie Love.
TREASURER,	Mrs. D. S. Fouse.
EDITRESS,	Miss Meta Bauman.

Appointment of Committees.

Committee on Finance, Mrs. I. A. Ream and Mrs. D. N. Frantz; Committee to prepare Reporting Blanks for the use of Classical Societies to Report to Synodical Societies, Mrs. M. E. Sechler and Mrs. I. A. Ream.

Reports.

Lincoln Classical Society: The annual meeting was held in the Reformed Church Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 22 and 23, 1893.

Delegate of the Synod of the Interior to General Synod: Report read and accepted.

Plan of Work Committee: Report was read.

Local Societies: Kansas City and societies in Orangeville Charge (Ill.) gave accounts of work being done in their midst.

Treasurer's Report.

The report was not furnished in time to be published, but the Secretary informs us that the whole amount received during the year was \$283.31; amount paid out, \$251.31. Balance in Treasury, \$32.00.

STATED CLERK OF SYNOD.

The Society decided to give \$50.00 towards the support of Miss Hollowell, and \$25.00 for the Children's Home in Japan, for the ensuing year, for which they made an assessment of ten cents per member according to the Classical roll of membership, and they ask all members to help pay the amount.

Illinois Classis,	795 members,	\$ 79 50
Iowa "	890 "	89 00
Kansas "	579 "	57 90
Wichita "	387 "	38 70
Lincoln "	163 "	16 30
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Total	2814	281 40

Miss Meta Bauman, elected as Editress, is expected to be Synodical correspondent to the Woman's Journal.

Public Meeting.

The Society met in the Reformed Tabernacle, Sept. 22, 1893, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of holding a public missionary meeting.

Mrs. I. A. Ream read the scripture lesson and Mrs. M. E. Sechler led in prayer. Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Heffley and Mrs. Sechler each read an essay, while Dr. Callender favored the audience with an address. Revs. Zartman, Alspach, and Fulcason followed with short voluntary speeches. Good music was interspersed. Collection.

Closed by the use of the Doxology and Benediction.

Adjournment.

The Society adjourned to meet with the next annual meeting of Synod.

MRS. P. J. HEFFLEY, President.

MRS. D. N. FRANTZ, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		ILLINOIS CLASSIS.														ADDRESS.			
No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfrmed.	Bap- tisms.	Addi- tions.	Confirmed.		Renewal of Certificate or Profession.	Committed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contri- butions.		Minutes of Synod.	Papers.		
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2	86	41	4	3	1	1	3	38	61	2	7	1	1	125	69	375	25	Altamont, Ill.			
3	37	30	5	1	1	1	3	61	61	2	7	1	3	15	70	475	30	Anna, Ill.			
4	68	46	4	5	1	1	5	55	1	3	1	4	41	140	85	31	40	Dakota, Ill.			
2	60	37	6	1	1	1	2	35	1	3	1	2	5	75	86	225	25	Lena, Ill.			
2	123	67	4					107	5	3	3	3	24	103	838	45	75	Forreston, Ill.			
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																	1	1	La Rose, Ill.		
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*Resigned.	{Supply.	Anna charge as constituted now reports 70 members. Union congregation having 17.																			

Iowa Classis.

	Harmony	2	123	80	4	1		120	3	1	7	60	1	\$	104	407	20
F. C. Bauman	Lisbon	2	127	45	12	4	7	119			1	17	77		302	537	29
F. M. Shults	Tipton,	1	60	30				54			1	7	40		105	600	12
S. Shaw	Liscomb	2	63	17	2	3		59		3	2	18	105		112	1921	20
S. Ream	Maquoketa	3	93	22	1	1	1	80	4	3	3	21	111		186	533	14
S. P. Harrington	Leighton	1	82	25		1	1	78	2	10	1	12	85		363	30	15
	Col. Junction	2	85	80				61	1		2	1	10	50	30	100	6
D. H. Fouse	L'n Tree, C'ville	2	143	11	1	7	5				2	1	13	100	55	750	12
	Boulder	2	77	35	7			40	2		1	1	13	100	15	108	12
	Wilton	1	37	15	1	8		25		8	1	1	12	52	8	236	14
*J. C. Beade	D. Miss. Supt.																
D. S. Fouse, D. D	Superannuated																
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George Rettig																	
†G. H. Albright																	
†D. K. Fulcason																	

Kansas Classis,

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*Supply. †Out of bounds of Classis. ‡Dismissed to Illinois Classis. (1) Supplied by Supt. D. B. Shuey. (2) Supplied by Rev. J. W. Love since July 1, 1893.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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CLASSES.	Charges.		Ministries.		Congregations.		Members.		Unconfirmed.		Baptized.		Additions.		Communed.		Losses.		Sunday Schools.		Officers and Teachers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for the Ministry.		Contributions.		Mins. of Synod.		Church Papers.	
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STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNODS.— (1) Revs. J. P. Stein, Reading, Pa. (2) L. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, Ohio. (3) J. J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis. (4) J. M. Schiek, Greenville, Pa. (5) Wm. Deatrick, Mercersburg, Pa. (6) A. E. Dahman, Buffalo, N. Y. (7) J. Bachman, Cincinnati, Ohio. (8) D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas.

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ERRATA:

Page 9, line 25. Read: The report was taken up by items and
and adopted.

Page 10, line 21, should read "Kansas Classis."

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR

OF THE



REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE

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IN

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HIAWATHA, KANSAS,

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EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior met in General Convention in Bethany Reformed Church, Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas, October, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four. The sessions began on the evening of the eleventh, at 7:30, and closed at noon of the fifteenth.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod assembled in General Convention according to adjournment, the time and place having been fixed by the officers of Synod and the pastor loci, as per resolution of Synod at its last meeting, in Bethany Reformed Church, Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas, Thursday evening, October 11, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock. In the absense of the President, the opening sermon was preached by the Vice-President, the Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer. Text, St. Luke 22: 24-30. Theme—"Ministers of Christ."

After the sermon and prayer, the Synod was called to order and the roll was called by the Stated Clerk. A quorum was found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Illinois Classis.

MINISTERS: J. W. Alspach, G. P. Hartzell.

ELDERS: None present.

Iowa Classis

MINISTERS: S. Ream, J. C. Beade, S. Shaw, D. H. Fouse, D. M. Jones, D. F. Boomershine.

ELDERS: None present.

Kansas Classis.

MINISTERS: J. W. Love, A. S. Dechant (c), G. W. Remagen, H. S. Gekeler, O. E. Lake, John Biery (b), H. Shumaker (c).

ELDERS: George Yost (*), J. W. Keefer (c), Fred Isely, H. C. Lower (2c).

Wichita Classis.

MINISTERS: D. B. Shuey, A. Casselman, S. A. Alt (4c), L. S. Faust, Bruce Griffith.

ELDERS: John Royer, D. M. Jones.

Lincoln Classis.

MINISTERS:—T. F. Stauffer, J. F. Butler.

ELDERS: J. Sonnedecker.

The figures indicate the session at which members took their seats, the letters the time of leaving.

* The seat of Elder Yost was occupied by Elder Fred Zimmerman about half of the time.

Advisory Members and Visitors.

The following named persons attended some of the Sessions of Synod and were invited to seats:

Elder L. H. Diehl, of Illinois Classis, Rev. C. H. Savidge, and Rev. D. C. Wilson of the M. E. Church, Rev. L. S. Boyse, of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. T. F. STAUFFER, President.

REV. G. P. HARTZELL, Vice-President.

REV. D. B. SHUEY, is the Stated Clerk.

REV. A. S. DECHANT, Corresponding Secretary.

REV. D. H. FOUSE, Columbus Junction, Iowa, Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV. RULES OF ORDER.

After the Election of Officers, the Stated Clerk read the Rules of Order of Synod.

The Bar of the House was designated as consisting of the first five pews.

The hours of the sessions of Synod were fixed; viz., opening 8:30 A. M., closing 5 P. M., with a recess from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M. A business session was held on Saturday evening from 7 to 10 P. M. with a recess from 8 to 9 for stated religious services.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

MINUTES OF SYNOD. D. B. Shuey, Bruce Griffith, Fred Zimmerman.

OVERTURES. A. Casselman, O. E. Lake, John Royer.

MINUTES OF CLASSES. S. Ream, G. W. Remagen, J. W. Keefer.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.—J. F. Butler, D. M. Jones, Fred Isely.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS. T. F. Stauffer, H. Shumaker, D. M. Jones.

MISSIONS. H. S. Gekeler, George P. Hartzell, J. Sonnedecker.

FINANCE. J. W. Love, D. H. Fouse, H. C. Lower.

NOMINATIONS. J. W. Alspach, L. S. Faust, J. Sonnedecker.

PUBLICATION. A. S. Dechant, J. C. Beade, John Royer.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. J. A. Novinger, John Biery, F. Zimmerman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. S. Shaw, D. F. Boomershine, J. W. Keefer.

EDUCATION. G. W. Remagen, D. H. Fouse, John Royer.

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of the Synod, and of the Classes of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln were received and referred to the proper Committees. All other communications received were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services, the first half hour of the morning sessions also being devoted to such services.

The Committee on Religious Services reported from time to time, and the completed report is as follows, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report as follows:

FRIDAY EVENING. Woman's Missionary Meeting.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON. Preparatory Services; Sermon by Rev. J. W. Alspach; Altar Services by Revs. Gekeler and Hartzell.

SATURDAY EVENING. Sermon by Rev. A. S. Dechant.

SUNDAY MORNING. Communion Service; Sermon by Rev. T. F. Stauffer; Altar Services by Revs. Shuey and Love.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.—A Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Service. Address by Revs. Ream, Beade, Alt and Gekeler.

SUNDAY EVENING. A Missionary Service, Rev. J. W. Love to preside. Addresses by Revs. Shuey, Shaw and Lake.

In other Churches:

M. E. Church, Morning—Rev. H. S. Gekeler.

“ “ Evening—Rev. G. W. Remagen.

Baptist Church, Morning—Rev. D. H. Fouse.

“ “ Evening—Rev. A. Casselman.

Congregational Church, Evening—Rev. J. W. Alspach.

Presbyterian Church, Morning—Rev. A. Casselman.

“ “ Evening—Rev. D. M. Jones.

Albright Evangelical Church, Evening—Rev. L. S. Faust.

Evangelical Association, Morning—Rev. D. F. Boomersline.

“ “ Evening—Rev. J. F. Butler.

Christian Church, Morning—Rev. G. P. Hartzell.

“ “ Evening—Rev. Bruce Griffith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. NOVINGER,

JOHN BIERY,

F. ZIMMERMAN.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod:

Item 1, page 7. Synod instructed Stated Clerk to print the Sunday School statistics.

Item 2, page 7. A Committee was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a Synodical Church paper. Committee Revs. J. W. Love, J. W. Alspach and Elder James Edleman.

Item 3, page 8. The American Bible Society is commended and people are urged to contribute for this noble work.

Item 4, page 8. The Society for the Relief of Ministers was commended and increase of contributions urged.

Item 5, page 9. Refers to the adoption of the New Constitution, and the attention of Stated Clerks of Classes is called to this item.

Item 6, page 20. The Board of Missions was requested to give the substance of Reports of the Superintendent of Missions and the Treasurer of Missions.

Item 7, page 30. Recommends that the following Reports be published in the Minutes of Synod for the information of our pastors and people: viz., Superintendent of the General Board of Home Missions, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Superintendent of this Synod, the President of the Board and the Treasurer of this Synod.

Item 8, page 30. Classes are instructed to see to it that the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions be paid promptly.

Item 9, page 30. The Missionary Guardian and the Woman's Journal are commended to our people.

Item 10, page 30. The formation of Mission Bands and offerings by Sunday Schools for Missions is urged.

Item 11, page 33. Apportionments upon the different Classes.

Item 12, page 38. The Stated Clerk was directed to audit the Report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education.

Item 13, page 38. Synod requests the Classes to call the at-

tention of the Pastors and Consistories to the wants of Wichita University.

Item 14, page 10. The Classes are requested to appoint permanent Sunday School Committees.

Item 15, page 41. Synod pledges its Co-operation with Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Sunday School Secretary, and requests that our Schools pay the one cent per member to the Sunday School Board.

Item 16, page 42. Members of the various Boards whose term expire with this meeting of Synod: Missions, Rev. T. F. Stauffer; Beneficiary Education, Elder Fred Isely; Board of Orphans' Homes, Elder J. Henry Brown; Board of Sunday School Work, Elder J. Sweinhart; Board of Trustees of Synod, Elder Fred Isely.

Item 17, page 43. Synod requests the Classes to call attention of Pastors, Congregations and Sunday Schools to the importance of sustaining our Orphans' Homes.

Item 18, page 43. Christmas offerings are to be devoted to the Orphans' Cause.

Item 19, page 44. Refers to the Dr. Mease monument.

Item 20, page 46. Stated Clerk instructed to present a copy of resolutions of sympathy to Rev. S. K. Gross.

Item 21, page 47. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed.

Item 22, page 48. Time and place of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Chairman.

The action of Synod on this report is as follows: Items 1, 3, 10, 13, 15 and 22 were adopted. Items 5, 6, 7, 12, 17 and 20 were reported attended to. Item 2 Special Committee reported; see Article on Publications. Item 4 referred to a Special Committee; see Article on Miscellaneous. Item 8 adopted and the same action re-iterated, and the attention of Classes is called to it. Item 9 was referred to the committee on Missions. Item 11 adopted and all the Classes are requested to make earnest effort to pay their apportionments in full. Item 14 was referred

to the Committee on Sunday Schools. Item 16 was referred to the Committee on Nominations. Item 18 was adopted and the former action re-iterated. Item 19, Report of the Committee was adopted, which stated that the Mease monument was completed, set up at his grave, and was paid for. Item 21, Attended to, and the bill of expenses was approved.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Classical Minutes having examined the Minutes of the various Classes, find the following items deserving of Synod's notice:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Iowa Classis designates only in part the time of its last Annual Meeting.
2. Lincoln Classis met in Annual Session and transacted business without a quorum.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

3. All the Classes took favorable action on all subjects referred to them by Synod and the General Synod, and accepted all the apportionments, except Wichita Classis, which, in the item of Home Missions, felt that 50 cents per member is all that it can raise.

4. The proposed new Constitution submitted by the General Synod for Classical action was approved by all the Classes.

III. REQUESTS FROM CLASSES.

5. Illinois Classis overtures Synod to consider the advisability of making arrangements to have the Herald of the Interior become the paper of the Synod.
6. Kansas Classis overtures Synod to instruct its Stated Clerk to send out to all its Pastors and Pastoral Charges all

necessary blanks for gathering statistics of Churches and Sunday Schools.

7. Lincoln Classis requests Synod to ratify its acts and proceedings at its last Annual Meeting at which there was no quorum.

8. Lincoln Classis requests Synod to enlarge its bounds by attaching thereto such Churches and Ministers in adjacent territory as may be deemed advisable.

9. Lincoln Classis requests Synod to remit balance due the Synodical Contingent Fund for the years 1891 and 1892.

IV. LICENSURE, ORDINATIONS, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSALS.

10. Illinois Classis licensed Henry C. Blosser; received Revs. S. P. Harrington and D. K. Fulcason from the Iowa Classis; and dismissed Rev. D. K. Fulcason to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio.

11. Iowa Classis ordained Licentiate D. M. Jones; received Licentiate D. F. Boomershine from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry; and received Rev. D. B. Anderson from the Free Will Baptist Church.

12. Kansas Classis received Rev. O. E. Lake from the Congregational Church; Rev. D. A. Winter from Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod; Rev. S. Thomas from Nebraska Classis, Synod of the Northwest; and Rev. J. Biery from Erie Classis, Central Synod; and dismissed Rev. J. G. Martin to the United Evangelical Church.

13. Wichita Classis received Licentiate Bruce Griffith from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; ordained Licentiates L. S. Faust and Bruce Griffith to the Gospel Ministry; and dismissed Rev. A. R. Holshouser to North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod.

14. Lincoln Classis dismissed Rev. Edmund Erb to the Presbyterian Church, Nebraska City Presbytery.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

15. Illinois Classis meets at Summum, Ill., the Wednesday before the full moon in May, 1895, at 7:45 P. M., Rev. J. W.

Alspach, President, Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Stated Clerk, Rev. Joseph Sechler, Treasurer.

16. Iowa Classis meets at Wilton, Iowa, the time of meeting to be determined by the Officers of Classis. Rev. S. Ream, President; Rev. D. H. Fouse, Stated Clerk; Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Treasurer.

17. Kansas Classis meets in Kansas City, Missouri, June 6, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. S. Gekeler, President; Rev. G. W. Remagen, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. W. Love, Treasurer.

18. Wichita Classis meets at Wichita, Kansas, Thursday, May 9, 1895, at 8 P. M. Rev. Bruce Griffith, President; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

19. Lincoln Classis meets at Imogene, Iowa, May 16, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Parley E. Zartman, President; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

S. REAM,
G. W. REMAGEN,
ELDER J. W. KEEFER,
Committee.

Synod disposed of this Report by items as follows: Items 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were adopted. Item 1 was adopted, and the attention of Iowa Classis called to it. Item 3 was adopted, and Wichita Classis was instructed to make earnest endeavor to raise the additional three cents per member. Item 5 was referred to the Committee on Publication. Item 7 was adopted and the acts of Lincoln Classis were ratified. Item 9 was adopted, and Lincoln Classis was excused from paying its contingent in arrears.

ARTICLE X

OVERTURES.

Report of Committee on Overtures.

Your Committee would report the following items which claim the attention of this Synod as gathered from papers put into our hands:

Item 1. A paper from the Board of Foreign Missions, giving the condition of the work and asking our co-operation.

Item 2. An overture from the Sunday School Board, asking our adoption of plans proposed by them.

Item 3. A request for aid from the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and the incorporation in our Minutes of Statement of Finances.

Item 4. Requests for excuses for absence from Synod from Rev. S. P. Harrington, Elder Wm. Glasser, Revs. J. Wolbach, D. A. Winter, Jos. Sechler and Elder, Parley E. Zartman, F. M. Shults, F. C. Bauman, H. L. Beam, D. S. Fouse, D. N. Frantz and D. B. Anderson.

Item 5. A proposition from St. Joseph in regard to the founding of a College in that city.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN,

O. E. LAKE,

JOHN ROYER,

Committee.

Synod disposed of this Report as follows:

Item 1. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 2. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Item 3. Referred to a Special Committee. See Article of Miscellaneous.

Item 4. The following action was taken on the request of excuses: Excused Rev. S. P. Harrington, Rev. J. Wolbach, J. Sechler and Elder, Rev. D. A. Winter, Elder George Marquart, Rev. F. C. Bauman, Rev. D. N. Frantz, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Rev. D. B. Anderson. Not excused: Rev. F. M. Shultz, Rev. H. L. Beam and Rev. Parley E. Zartman.

Item 5. Was referred to the Committee on Education.

ARTICLE XI.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—Your Committee has sought to obtain a clear view of the present state of the Church

within the bounds of this Synod by a careful examination of the reports coming up from the Classes for review, and the use of such other helps as were at our command.

First of all, we desire to express our thankfulness to Almighty God for the manifold blessings bestowed upon the Ministry, and the membership of that portion of Zion we represent as a Synod. Surely the Lord has blessed us, and carried us through the most trying and critical year in the history of this Synod. To Him be all the glory, both now and forever. Amen.

Our commission is the the preaching of the word. "Preach the Gospel to Every Creature," is no idle or meaningless command. The evidence before us, as plainly indicated in the reports, as well as gathered from the business items so far brought before the Synod, indicate "no uncertain sound." That Christ is held up as the only hope of a perishing world, and faith in Him as the head of the Church, is the only condition of our Salvation, is preached and taught faithfully by our Pastors, is indicated throughout all the reports.

We are further pleased to note, that this is done in a churchly manner, guarding and striving against an unfruitful formalism on the one hand, and an evanescent fanaticism on the other, clearly appears from the reports.

It is apparent also that there has been one earnest effort to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or forbear. While mention is made of prevailing indifference on the part of some, yet a great body of the people hear the word, which manifests itself in their hearts and minds as the power of God unto Salvation.

The report from Iowa Classis records the death of our departed brother and co-laborer in the Ministry, Rev. J. H. Buser. Illinois Classis records the death of the venerable Elder, Aaron Kostenbader. These have completed their labors and have been called to the realization of covenanted blessings in the Lord.

Each report coming up from the Classes signal growth in grace and progress in Church work. While the net increase in numerical strength is not as large as we desire to see, yet it is

encouraging, and lays a broader and deeper foundation for future upbuilding and of which the Synod need not be ashamed.

Illinois Classis reports the organization of an English Congregation in Chicago, and also the building and dedication of a new Church at Harlem, Illinois.

The cause of Missions and the Reformed League of Christian Endeavor, are receiving much encouragement and increased support. We are glad to note their prominence as the subjective arms of the Church at work. They are in harmony with the spirit of true Churchliness, and under divine authority.

The Sacraments have been faithfully administered. The children of the Church bear the sign and seal of their covenant relation. Baptism and confirmation have been faithfully attended to, but not all have enjoyed these spiritual benefits. Some parents seem to under-value these blessings so essential to the spiritual life of their children. Parents and guardians are in this respect much at fault, not the Church and her Ministry.

Catechization has not been ignored. If in any way there is change, it is for the better. This time honored custom has been retained among us amid furious assaults from time to time. We are glad to note its growth and beneficial results, and that it occupies a first place in Church life and Spiritual efficiency.

The financial stringency of the last year is noted by several of the Classes, as standing in the way of progress, and better results in their work. And, yet, they express a hopefulness in the future that is gratifying. Doubtless, in the end, good will come out of it all. Nothing will so fully develop the liberality of the people, and especially those who love Christ and His Church, as their having learned by experience, the absolute need of the cause they hold dear to their hearts.

We note with pleasure, the harmony and good-will prevailing in our midst. "Peace on Earth and good-will toward men" is with us more than a motto. Discouragements are sure to meet us on the "King's Highway," but these will be as nothing to a faith like Daniel's and his friends, whose garments were not even permitted to smell of the fire of persecution. And now, as we know not when we will be summoned to give an

account of our stewardship, let us be diligent in the Ministry of righteousness, so that when the Master calls each one may answer "Lord, here am I." And unto him who has redeemed us with His own precious blood, be the praise of our Salvation, World without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER, Chairman.

This report was adopted. For statistics see Appendix.

ARTICLE XII.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Board of Home Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board convened immediately after the adjournment of the last Synod, and organized by the election of Rev. A. Casselman, as President and also Treasurer, and Rev. S. Ream as Secretary.

As the members are living far apart, it is impossible to have frequent meetings, but correspondence has been kept up between the members and also with the General Board to some extent, in regard to our interests in general. We have endeavored, so far as an advisory body may do, to keep an eye upon the work in our territory, and make such suggestions as seemed best.

We convened, for the transaction of necessary business, in Hiawatha, Kansas, October 10, 1894, and continued in session the greater part of two days.

The Report of Superintendent D. B. Shuey was received and approved, and is submitted as a part of the Report. This Report gives a general survey of the work, and indicates the present condition of the several Missions, and the progress made during the year.

The Treasurer's Report was received, audited and adopted, and is herewith submitted as a part of our Report.

The Board after careful consideration would recommend the following items for your adoption:

1. Resolved, That the favorable consideration of the Gen-

eral Board be directed to the city of Omaha, and that, if possible, a suitable man be commissioned for that place at their next Annual Meeting.

2. Whereas, It appears from the statistics of the Church, that the average offerings for Benevolence and also for Pastor's salary by the Missions in this Synod, is much larger than the general average of all the Missions, while the average aid from the Board is much less, so that the salaries of Missionaries in this Synod is about \$100.00 less than the general average of all the Missionaries, therefore

Resolved, That in justice to the self-sacrificing Missionaries laboring within the bounds of this Synod, we urge that in the matter of salaries paid, they receive a more equitable appropriation as compared with the salaries of Missionaries in the other Synods.

3. Resolved, That this Synod overture General Synod's Board of Home Missions to appoint three State Missionaries to be stationed, one in Illinois, one in Kansas and one in Iowa and Nebraska, so that the work of the Superintendent may be lightened, the work among the Missionaries in our territory strengthened, and more time and energy be devoted to the working up and instituting of new Missions.

Report of the Superintendent of Missions.

To the Board of Missions, Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—There has been considerable change in the Mission field of this Synod during the past year. A new Mission was established in Edinburg, Ill., and Rev. C. F. Alt-house is the Missionary. This took the best congregation from Brother Frantz's charge, hence that charge had to become a Mission for a short time at least. A congregation has been organized at Edinburg and a Church will be built this fall. Dakota and Damascus, Ill., became selfsupporting during the past year. The Anna Mission will be thrown upon its own resources after January 1, 1895.

A new Mission was also authorized in Maquoketa, Iowa, and

Rev. D. F. Boomershine is the Missionary. No organization has as yet been effected in the town, but the two country congregations seem to have taken new life. Amber was cut off and placed to Boulder, thus creating the Anamosa charge, with the expectation that work shall be commenced in Anamosa and the pastor to reside there. Rev. D. B. Anderson supplies the charge for the present. Wilton and Leighton have been enrolled as Missions and they are served by Revs. Beade and Shultz. Rev. Ream left the Liscomb Mission, accepting a call to the Lone Tree, Coneville charge. Licentiate L. C. Summers is now the Missionary at Liscomb.

Damascus, which became self supporting, erected a new Church near Harlem, which was dedicated the beginning of June.

Arrangements had been partly made to establish a new Mission at Merville, Iowa, but on account of short crops the matter had to be postponed.

The St. Joseph Mission completed the repairs on its Church and rededicated it. All the repairs were paid and a small payment on the principle of their indebtedness.

Kansas City made some needed repairs on its Church building and organized a Society of Christian Endeavor.

Fairview made a good showing in their work, adding largely to their membership, and painted their Church building.

The Hiawatha Mission has not prospered much for various reasons.

The Lincoln and Sioux City Missions are continuing their work as usual.

The Abilene Mission has done an excellent work and had a large accession of members. They however did not succeed to reduce their Church debt to the extent for which they had planned. Failure of crops the reason.

The Iola Mission is in much better shape than it was a year ago. The then existing difficulties have largely disappeared.

Since the last meeting of Synod Rev. B. Griffith took charge of the Wichita Mission.

Rev. S. A. Alt resigned and hence the Cheney and White-

water Mission became vacant. But Cheney has elected the Rev. A. Casselman, and no doubt Whitewater will do the same, and the Board commissioned him at its last meeting. Should he accept, it will cause the Lyons Missions to become vacant.

The Cheney congregation repaired its Church.

Denver, Colorado, has been taken up as a Mission, and Rev. D. A. Winter is the Missionary. The Church property has been repaired, making it much more desirable as a place of worship. On account of a debt of \$2,500 on their Church property, the congregation has deeded the property to the Board of Missions, which will take care of the debt.

A new congregation was organized at Ransom, Ness County, Kansas, but on account of an almost entire failure of crops, nothing further could be accomplished. As long as they have no regular Pastor, the work must necessarily suffer.

Rev. O. E. Lake has taken charge of the Holton Mission. What may be accomplished can only be seen later.

Nearly every Mission is supplied with a Pastor. Considering the very hard times, it was quite an effort on the part of the General Board to take up the six new Missions in this Synod during the past year. A number of other places are ripe for active work to establish Missions, but it is simply impossible for the Board to do more just now.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Superintendent.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

A. CASSELMAN, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions,
Synod of the Interior.

HOME MISSION FUND.

1893.	DR.	
Sept. 20.	To balance in hand.....	\$ 109 27
29.	Kansas Classs, per J. A. Novinger, tr.	15 00
Oct. 2.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, treas'r.,	25 00
26.	" " per " " "	6 10
Nov. 3.	Kansas " per J. A. Novinger, tr.	22 64

Nov.	6.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, tr.....	13 00
	17.	" " per " "	11 95
Dec.	2.	" " per " "	19 02
1894.			
Jan.	9.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....	13 06
Feb.	5.	St. Joseph Church, per H. S. Gekeler.	3 48
	7.	" " " "	11 82
	16.	Kansas Classis per J. A. Novinger, tr.	23 15
Mch.	29.	" " " "	11 83
	31.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....	9 00
Apr.	5.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....	18 71
	18.	" " " "	19 37
May	3.	" " " "	23 00
	7.	" " " "	20 70
	11.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....	53 90
	11.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr.....	193 96
	11.	Sundry Sources " "	38 60
	16.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, tr.....	6 00
	18.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....	11 69
	25.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....	39 44
June	25.	Kansas " per J. W. Love, tr.....	100 00
Aug.	14.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....	8 00
	17.	Kansas " per J. W. Love, tr.....	35 00
	19.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....	17 06
Sept.	14.	" " " "	14 12
Oct.	2.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....	14 25
	10.	Lincoln " per T. F. Stauffer, tr....	30 00
	10.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, (app) tr.	112 92
	10.	W. M. S., D. S. Fouse, tr.....	192 00
	10.	Sundry Sources, D. S. Fouse, tr.....	34 38
	10.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, tr.....	17 39

\$ 1,294 21

1893.

C.R.

Sept.	28.	By cash to Jas. T. Reber, treasurer.....	75 00
Oct.	4.	" " " "	40 00
Dec.	19.	" " " "	30 00
1894.			
Apr.	5.	" " " "	112 35
May	11.	" to D. S. Fouse, superintendent	193 96
	11.	" " " "	38 60
June	9.	" to Jas. T. Reber, treasurer.....	170 00
July	5.	" " " "	100 00
	17.	" " " "	50 00
Sept.	14.	" " " "	26 80

Oct.	S.	By cash to Jas. T. Reber, treasurer.....	31	25
10,	"	" " " "	288	75
10,	"	to D. S. Fouse, superintendent.....	50	55
		<i>Balance in Hand.....</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>95</i>
				\$ 1,294 21

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1893.		Dr.	
Sept. 20.	To balance in hand.....		11 23
Nov. 10.	Kansas Classis, per J. A. Novinger, tr.,		3 60
1894.			
May 25.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....		18 22
Aug. 14.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....		1 28
Sept. 14.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr....		10 52
14.	Lyons Charge Self Denial.....		3 06
Oct. 10.	Lincoln Classis, per T. F. Stauffer, S. D.		3 00
10.	" " " " " tr....		5 55
			\$ 56 46
1893.		Cr.	
Dec. 19.	Cash to J. L. Lemberger, tr.....		14 83
1894.			
Sept. 14.	" " "		19 50
27.	" " "		13 58
Oct. 10.	" " "		7 25
	<i>Balance in Hand.....</i>		<i>1 30</i>
			\$ 56 46

HUNGARIAN FUND.

1893.	Dr.	
Sept. 22.	To balance in hand.....	5 95
1894.		
Jan. 5.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, tr.....	2 16
9.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr.....	50
Feb. 5.	St. Joseph, per H. S. Gekeler.....	87
Mch. 31.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, tr....	4 80
Apr. 18.	Illinois " per J. Sechler tr.....	2 16
27.	" " " ".....	3 15
May. 11.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr.....	8 12
15.	Lyons charge.....	2 75

May 18.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, tr....	2 60
25.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....	11 43
June 8.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr....	2 83
Aug. 14.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr....	48
17.	Kansas " per J. W. Love, tr.....	1 53
Oct. 10.	Lincoln " per T. F. Stauffer, tr....	1 05
10.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr....	3 57
		\$ 52 45
1894.	CR.	
Apr. 5.	Cash to Jas. T. Reber, tr.....	13 38
May 11.	" D. S. Fouse, supt.....	8 12
June 8.	" " " "	2 83
Sept. 14.	" Jas. T. Reber, tr.....	23 20
Oct. 10.	" " " tr.....	3 57
<i>Balance in Hand</i>		1 05
		\$ 52 45

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

1893.	DR.	
Sept. 22.	To balance in hand.....	21 66
1894.		
Jan. 5.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, tr.....	3 60
9.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr.....	3 50
Feb. 5.	St. Joseph Charge.....	1 45
16.	Lyons "	4 50
Mar. 31.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, tr....	5 50
31.	For Chicago Church Lot, D. B. Shuey.,	8 50
Apr. 18.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, tr.....	2 70
27.	" " " " tr.....	3 68
May 7.	" " " " tr.....	6 45
11.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr.....	74 50
18.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr.....	3 25
25.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....	20 34
June 8.	Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr.....	2 68
8.	Lyons W. M. Soc. for Chicago Lot,....	5 00
Aug. 14.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, tr....	80
Oct. 10.	Lincoln " per T. F. Stauffer, tr.....	1 75
		\$ 169 50
1893.	CR.	
Sept. 22.	Cash to D. S. Fouse, supt.....	21 66
1894.		
Apr. 4.	" " " supt.	35 55

May 11.	Cash to D. S. Fouse, supt.....	74 50
June 8.	" " " supt.....	2 68
8.	" " " supt.....	32 62
	<i>Balance in Hand</i>	<u>2 55</u>

\$ 169 56

SUMMARY.

HOME MISSIONS.

1893.				
Sept. 20.	Amt. on hand	\$ 109 27	Total paid out	\$ 1,207 26
	Total receipts	1184 94	<i>Balance in hand</i>	<u>86 95</u>
		<hr/> 1,294 21		<hr/> 1,294 21

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1893.				
Sept. 20.	Amt. on hand	11 23	Total paid out	55 16
	Total receipts	45 23	<i>Balance in hand</i>	<u>1 30</u>
		<hr/> 56 46		<hr/> 56 46

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

1893.				
Sept. 20.	Amt. on hand	5 05	Total paid out	51 10
	Total receipts	47 10	<i>Balance in hand</i>	<u>1 05</u>
		<hr/> 52 15		<hr/> 52 15

CHURCH EXTENSION.

1893.				
Sept. 20.	Amt. on hand	21 66	Total paid out	167 01
	Total receipts	147 90	<i>Balance in hand</i>	<u>2 55</u>
		<hr/> 169 56		<hr/> 169 56

FOR ALL PURPOSES.

1893.				
Sept. 20.	Amt. on hand	147 21	Total paid out	1,480 53
	Total receipts	1,425 17	<i>Balance in hand</i>	<u>91 85</u>
		<hr/> 1,572 38		<hr/> 1,572 38

Report of the Committee on Missions.

BRETHREN OF SYNOD:—There were referred to us, the Report of the Superintendent of the General Board of Home Mis-

sions, of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Superintendent of this Synod, of Synod's Board and of the Treasurer of Missions of this Synod. From these papers we learn of the general progress of the Missionary enterprise of the Church. God has blessed us for which we owe Him grateful acknowledgement.

1. We recommend that the Stated Clerk prepare a summary of the Report of the General Board to be spread with the other Reports upon our Minutes for the information of our Pastors and people.

2. We recommend that the apportionments asked for in these Reports be willingly accepted, and that the Classes see to it that they be promptly paid by the congregations. The amounts asked of this Synod are for Hungarian work \$90.00, for Church extension 6 cents per member, for Home Missions \$1,500, and for Foreign Missions \$200.00.

3. We commend the Chicago Mission to the liberality of our Synod for special offering to be made at the earliest possible date.

4. We commend the raising of special self denial offering during the Lenten season to be equally divided between the Home and Foreign work, to relieve these Boards from their present embarrassment.

5. We recognize, as efficient agents in the dissemination of Missionary information, the Missionary Guardian and the Woman's Journal, and commend them to the patronage of our people.

6. We gladly recognize the financial as well as inspirational assistance rendered by the various organizations of women in the Church, and bid them God speed in their noble efforts.

7. We urge upon our Sunday Schools, the importance of Missionary offerings to be raised monthly, or at least quarterly.

8. We commend to our Reformed League of Christian Endeavor, the Fulton plan of giving; viz.: two cents a week for Missions, to be equally divided between the Home and Foreign Boards of our Church.

9. Action is requested by Synod's Board on several items to which attention is hereby called.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. GEKELER.

GEO. P. HARTZELL.

J. SONNEDECKER.

Synod disposed of this Report as follows: Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 adopted. Item 2 adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment. Of the items from the Report of the Board of Missions, 1 and 2 were adopted, and item 3 which is a substitute for the item reported by the Board was also adopted.

Annual Report of General Board of Home Missions.

BRETHREN:—We again submit to you for your consideration, a report of the operations of the General Board of Missions for the past year.

We feel it but right, that at the beginning of this Report, we should acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church, in so signally prospering our work and giving us success. The year has been one of trials in Church work. There are at all times plenty of obstacles in the way when the servants of Christ undertake to extend His Kingdom, but the year just past has been especially fruitful in these obstacles. When the year commenced, the Board had as many Missions on its rolls as the apportionments would justify. Many urgent appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new Missions. A few additional Missions were enrolled, while some already on the roll became self-supporting. Then came the stringent times, and during the entire year there has been a continual struggle to keep the financial credit of the Board upon a good basis. Many requests for the establishment of new Missions had to go unheeded, not but that the Board was anxious to do additional work—but because of the lack of money. When we say that the Board could not answer all the demands made upon it, the Church must not suppose that the work was

in any way curtailed. The past year saw a larger amount of money used in the Home Mission work of the Church than during any previous year of her history. That for which we should give special thanks to God, is the fact, that while financial disaster was a common thing throughout the land, the Board has been enabled to pay the Missionaries in full to date without incurring any indebtedness. This is rather remarkable when we remember that our sister Churches have been, and are now, heavily involved as the result of the stringency of the times. What the condition of our treasury will be at the end of the present quarter no one can now tell, but from present indications, we may expect a considerable deficiency. We have faith in the Church, however, and are fully persuaded that the funds will be on hand in due time with which to meet the liabilities of the Board. It still remains true, that while the work done was not less in any department, yet there was not the increase made that would have been, had the times been more prosperous.

As before stated, many appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new Missions. There is something strange about these numerous calls. They come to us from the large cities as well as the smaller towns and country districts. There was a time when it was a question where we should go, as a Church, to open up new Missions. There seemingly were no "Macedonian cries" coming to us. Now all this is changed. The calls are more numerous than we can answer. God is opening up fields for us, and presenting opportunities which should claim the earnest attention of the Church. God never presents opportunities without, at the same time, supplying the means to lay hold upon them. The many inviting fields that lie open before us should be an intimation to us that God expects us to go in and possess them. More liberal means must be provided for the enlarged work which must be accomplished. The extension of the Church should be kept before our people, in order that the means may be provided by which the Board may occupy the new places continually presenting themselves. The next decade should witness a much greater expansion of the work than the one just closed. The opportunities for this are

at hand. Let us embrace them as God gives us the means.

THE MISSIONS.

Including the Hungarian Missions, the Harbor Mission, and the three congregations supplied by Superintendent Shuey, there have been during the year, one hundred Missions on the roll of the Board. Counting those under the care of Brother Shuey a single Mission, there were ninety-eight. Of these Warren, Ohio, Dakota and Damascus, Illinois, Burlington and Concord, North Carolina, Du Bois and Easton, Pennsylvania, have passed off the roll, leaving ninety-one under the care of the Board. In these ninety-one Missions there are one hundred and forty congregations. While seven Missions have passed from the roll, there have been enrolled the following: Notaway, Michigan, Hamilton and Massillon, Ohio, Yorkton, Canada, Denver, Colorado, Edinburg and Stonington, Illinois, Everett, Washington, and Thomasville and Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. Holton, Kansas, which has heretofore been served by Superintendent Shuey, although regularly organized, has during the year secured a pastor, making in all eleven additional Missions that have been entered upon the roll of the Board. Several of these are very important Missions and were enrolled, although the Board could hardly see the way open, financially, to do so. Massillon, Ohio, was regarded as a specially fine opening, and the marked progress of the Mission justified the Board in its belief. At Denver, Colorado, we have had a church for a number of years—exclusively German. The congregation dwindled down to a handful of members, while the Church property was being mortgaged to keep up the running expenses of the congregation. Under this condition of things the General Board was asked to take charge and establish an English Mission. The Board had to assume a debt of \$2,500 in order to save the Church property, and it felt that the Mission must be made prevailingly English to succeed. Rev. D. A. Winter was sent there in May of this year and reports a hopeful outlook. Hamilton, Ohio, was enrolled with the express understanding that the appropriation shall be reduced \$100 annually.

In a number of Missions, houses of worship were erected during the year and others are now engaged in building Chapels or Churches. Several parsonages have also been built. The Missions are as prosperous as can be expected. As in old charges, so in Missions, there are many discouraging features connected with the work. There is a small number of these Missions which must ultimately be turned over to the Classes to which they belong to be supplied. Where there is no reasonable prospect for a Mission to become self-supporting in a reasonable time the Classes should, by reconstruction of charges, take care of such fields. This is the policy of the Board, but it finds it somewhat difficult at times to carry it out. The Missions in Kansas and Nebraska will be called upon to contend with special difficulties on account of the stringency of the times and the failure of crops. The great majority of the Missions, however, are in a very prosperous condition, and the Church should give thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity that has attended the work.

THE EXPENSES OF THE YEAR.

The expense roll of the Board is gradually lengthening, and the amount needed will increase with each year. During the year past, special efforts were made to keep down the expenses. The Board must keep the expenditures within the limits of the apportionments, with a liberal allowance for delinquencies. It is a fact that the Synods never pay the apportionments in full. It seems a little strange to the Board that the apportionments for Classical and Synodical expenses, also for Beneficiary education are paid in full, and that the delinquencies fall so heavily on Missions. What ever the cause, the Board must recognize the fact and make allowances accordingly.

During the year, the outlay of the Board reached the sum of \$36,000, or within a fraction of that amount. It would have been more, had it not been for the fact that several of the Missions requiring the heaviest outlay, were vacant during part of the year. The above sum includes what was paid for Hungarian and Harbor Missions. There was quite a delinquency

on the apportionments, but this was made up by special contributions and by what the Women's Missionary Societies contributed to the cause. While the Board had to economize, and leave undone work that should have been done, still we are glad to say that the Missionaries were all paid promptly, and all other liabilities met. This refers, of course, only to Missions proper, and not to the Church extension feature of the work.

HARBOR MISSIONS.

This important work at the Port of New York, is under the care of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte. He devotes all his time to the immigrants, excepting on Sunday, when he preaches to a small Mission congregation in the city, but even this is more or less connected with his work among the immigrants. The main features of the work are—to receive the immigrants as they arrive—to direct them to homes and lodging places in the city, so as to protect them against the sharpers who are always ready to take advantage of them—to see that those who have selected homes in different states are put on the proper trains—in short to help them in every way possible and give them all needed information. As many of these immigrants are members of the Reformed Church, the Missionary must see to it that they are reported to the Pastors of the Church, who may reside in or near the places where they propose to settle. He must also look after the poor who need help, and those who have no proper protectors. This requires much labor and a great amount of correspondence. So much work is required that the Missionary suggests the need of an assistant. Efficiently to do the work that should be done, an assistant could be employed to good advantage, but the Board, for various reasons, has not deemed it best to appoint one. Other Churches, however, have taken such action, and with great benefit to the work.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

This work still demands the care and sympathy of the whole Church. The work is as important as ever, but during the year past, did not make the progress that some in the Church may

have expected. This can be accounted for upon the ground of the stringency of the times. The Hungarian immigration has fallen off very decidedly during the past year, while not a few who had the means, returned to their native land again. Among those who remained, the destitution was very great during part of the year. Many of them, instead of being in a position to help along with the Church work, needed the Charity of the Church at large to bridge over the last winter. Especially was this the case in and about Pittsburg and Cleveland. We cannot, therefore, report any marked gain in the membership, but we are glad to say that the work is being brought upon a better basis. At first, the work was somewhat of an experiment, but such is no longer the case. The Board has the work under complete control, and the future looks exceedingly hopeful. During the year, an additional Missionary arrived from Hungary, in the person of Rev. Frank Ferenczi. He is a young man, and when he arrived was only a Licentiate. He was ordained by the Allegheny Classis, and was placed in Pittsburg as an assistant to Brother Kovacs. He has proven himself, thus far, a man of marked ability and energy. He is blessed with business tact, as well as with preaching talents, and has placed the Church in Pittsburg upon a much better foundation than it formerly occupied. He has arranged his plans to gradually pay off the debt that rests upon the Church property, so as to make it the exclusive property of his own people and congregation. This is a good movement, as it will teach the Hungarians to do something for themselves and for their own Church.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in January last, Rev. Kovacs appeared before it, and asked that he be allowed to lead a colony of his countrymen to Assinaboia in Canada. He made the plea upon the ground that many of his countrymen were farmers in their native land, and not mechanics and tradesmen, and that they longed for the simple country life to which they were accustomed in Hungary. He claimed, furthermore, that the Canadian authorities had made an offer of two townships of land gratis, if such a colony were founded. At first, the Committee was not so favorably disposed toward the pro-

ject, but after some consideration, Brother Kovacs was granted permission to go and plant the Church among his countrymen in the far North-west. In his last report, he stated that there were then with him, some seventy families, and that more were coming soon. The Board assumed no traveling expenses, either for himself or the people he took with him. He simply receives his \$600, as formerly, as salary. It is hoped that the good Brother may be successful in his venture.

Brother Kovacs going to Canada, leaves Brother Ferenczi with all the Churches about Pittsburg, and those further East, under his care. He claims that he has all that he can do with the Churches in Pittsburg, McKeesport, Braddock, Beaver Falls and others—and that he cannot see to those in New York, Bridgeport, Bangor and other points. Arrangements have been made by which the latter points will be supplied, but in the very near future, an additional Missionary must be procured if the work is to be extended as now seems necessary. It is necessary that a larger amount of money be contributed for this work, and, as it was undertaken by the direct action of the General Synod, the Board feels that both the English and German Synods should be alike interested in this work.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

This branch of the work continues to be of the utmost importance to us as a Church. It is the more important from the fact that it has been so long neglected. Now, more than ever before, is the Church in need of a strong fund which will enable her to engage in city work, and plant her standards in the centers of population. We are compelled to repeat in this report what has often been repeated before, that the Church will not and cannot make the progress she deserves until a more determined effort is made to establish a strong extension fund. During the year past there was a greater demand for these funds than in any previous year. The income of the Board was quite considerable, but not by any means sufficient to meet the requirements of the work.

The following is the Report of Treasurer Boush.

Dr.

Received from Contributions.....	\$ 4,591 37
“ “ Bequests and Legacies.....	4,737 50
“ “ Loans.....	3,500 00
“ “ Interest on Loans.....	309 00
“ “ Money returned by Missions.....	400 00
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	\$13,550 87

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Interest on Borrowed Funds.....	\$ 476 75
For Church Property at St. Joseph, Mo.,.....	4,768 87
“ “ “ “ Columbus, Ohio,.....	2,386 15
“ “ “ “ Ada, Ohio,.....	500 00
“ “ “ “ Chicago, Ill.,.....	2,953 35
“ “ “ “ Massillon, Ohio,.....	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ Lima, Ohio,.....	1,650 00
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	\$13,735 12
Due the Treasurer....	194 25

In the contributions received are included the special funds given by different persons, which have been noticed in the periodicals of the Church and need not be named here. The General Board received three special funds of \$500 each and a fourth is nearly full.

The bequests and legacies above mentioned were not made for Church extension especially, but were given for Missions in general. The Board uses them in this work for the present, and when paid back by the Missions will be used as invested funds.

It will be seen that the Board was under the necessity of borrowing \$3,500 during the year. Much as this may be regretted there was no other alternative, unless the work would have been allowed to suffer to such an extent as to have ended in failure at different points. The Board must see to it that the city Missions are properly supported when once founded and this can only be done by the use of extension funds.

The Board used \$13,735.12 in this way and in addition to this sum the Bi-Synodic Board received four special funds of \$500 each, and \$1,100 by contributions from the Churches, making in all \$16,835.12. Double this sum could have been used to good advantage.

The entire indebtedness of the Board is now about \$7,000. Pressing as are the needs of the Board, the time has come when it must call a halt in the matter of borrowing money for this purpose until the Church comes to its help in a more pronounced way.

It will be seen from Treasurer Boush's report that the Missions are paying the interest on the money borrowed from the Board, and that some of them are paying back the money loaned them.

The Missions at St. Joseph, Mo., Ada and Lima, Ohio, are paid in full and need no further aid. Massillon and Chicago have deferred payments that must be met next year.

In view of the importance of this work, and the great need of funds to meet the liabilities now resting upon it, the Board earnestly requests of the Synods that they take such action as will bring this feature of the work prominently before the Church, so that liberal contributions may be given in aid of it. The Board asks, also, that an apportionment of six cents per member be made for this good cause. The Board feels that the apportionment for this work should be much larger, but on account of the stringent times only one cent additional over last year is asked. It is hoped that the Synods will gladly give this much to this worthy and important object.

It would be well if every Classis in the Church could be induced to raise a special fund of \$500 for this purpose. Every Classis in the Ohio Synod has one or two such funds to its credit, with one exception. Every Synod should urge upon its Classes to help along the general work by contributing liberally to this worthy object.

THE CHICAGO MISSION.

The English Mission of Chicago is one of the most important on the list. It is not any more flourishing than many

other—although the outlook is very hopeful—but the fact that Chicago is centrally located between the east and west makes it of vast importance to the Church. The fact, also, that this city has a population of nearly a million and a half with only about one-third of it attending upon the means of grace makes it doubly important that our Church should engage in Mission work within its limits. The importance of such a Mission has long been acknowledged but the work was not undertaken until a little more than a year ago. Up to date the Mission has made good progress, the attendance at the Sunday service being good, while the Sunday School has grown beyond the capacity of the hall in which it is held. The need of a chapel has been felt from the organization of the Mission. The Board deemed it so important that a lot was purchased this spring on the corner of Jackson Avenue and Washtena Street, for the sum of \$8,775. This is a good location in a good part of the city. The Board made a general appeal to the Church to help purchase this lot, but realized only about \$1,500 from it. One-third of the lot has been paid and the remainder is to be paid in four annual payments. The important thing is the erection of a chapel. To do this about \$6,000 are required. For the Mission to raise this sum of money is out of the question. There are no strong Reformed Churches in or near the city from whom much help can come. The other Reformed Churches of the city have all they can do to meet their own needs. It has been a question with the Board how help shall be extended to this good cause. Some Eastern Brethren suggested the idea of asking the English Synods to make a special apportionment in aid of this worthy object. That seemed feasible, and yet the Board hesitated to make this request. It was, however, decided by the Board that in the Annual Report the Synods should be requested to provide in any way they deem best—a sufficient sum to aggregate, say, \$4,500. The remaining \$1,500 can be raised by the Mission. If the Synods think that this sum can best be raised by an agent—then let them so indicate—but if they think it best to apportion the sum or recommend that it be raised by voluntary contributions, then let

it be so arranged. The Board begs most earnestly of the Synods that this important matter be taken under consideration and some means devised by which the money can be obtained.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS.

At the General Synod at Reading action was taken creating the office of Sunday School Secretary. This office was subsequently filled by the Sunday School Board by the election of Rev. Rufus W. Miller to that position. That Board under the leadership of its Secretary, has taken steps to engage in Mission work in the home field. The Mission Sunday School holds a prominent position in the Mission work of other Churches, and there is no good reason why it should not hold an equally important position in the Reformed Church. Almost every successful Mission grows out of a Sunday School so that it and the Mission are inseparable. A start has been made in this good work and it is well that the Synods should take note of it and give it such help as is needed. Three Sunday Schools have been organized under the direction of the Sunday School Secretary, at New Kensington, Pa., and at Youngstown and Warren, Ohio. These Schools are reported as having very bright prospects before them. There is a great work to be done in the large cities of the land in the way of gathering the children into Mission Schools. This work has been greatly neglected, even by the strong and wealthy Churches. In many sections of the large cities, we are told by competent authority, the majority of the children are not in the Sunday Schools. To do Mission work successfully in such communities the Sunday School authorities can do very much to open the way. But back of this Sunday School Mission work must stand the Mission Board sufficiently well equipped to take up the work where the Sunday School must of necessity leave off. The Sunday School Mission work and the work of the Board of Missions are closely allied and must go hand in hand so as to avoid anything like a conflict. The Mission Board is limited in its operations by the men and means furnished by the Church, and can annually take up only a certain number of new fields. It is therefore evi-

dent to every one, that if the Sunday School Board starts a larger number of new enterprises than the Board of Missions can take up and sustain in the form of new Missions, nothing will be gained. If, however, the Sunday School Board will take up such towns and cities as the Mission Board is ready to enter, and first establish the Sunday School, to be closely followed by the Mission Board with a Missionary to take up and continue the work, then a great and lasting work can be accomplished for the up-building of the Church. It is comparatively easy to establish a Sunday School in any of our large cities, but when the Mission Board must continue the work commenced in the Sunday School, in the establishment of a Mission, at an expense of from \$800 to \$1,000 annually for the Missionary, then the real difficulties commence. The Synod should duly consider this matter, and the Synodical Sunday School Boards and the Synodical Mission Boards should so work together as to aid the General Board in the establishment of Missions within the bounds of the different Syneds, only as rapidly as men and means will permit.

THE WOMEN'S WORK.

There was a time in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States when the women did comparatively little in Church work, except what they did for the advancement of the congregation to which they belonged. That was a great deal, and we must not underrate the work and influence of our mothers in the past history of the Church. We, at times, hear assertions made, which if true, would make her of no force whatever in the past work of the Church. This is all wrong, and wrong because it is untrue. But the women of our Church have come into the enjoyment of privileges and blessings in modern Church work, of which those of fifty years ago knew comparatively little. They are laying hold upon these privileges and blessings in a way that must tell for the future good of the Church.

At the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, held at Reading, Pa., at the time of the meeting of

General Synod, the Society resolved to give annually for the next three years, the sum of \$4,000 for the home work. The first year of this term is not up as yet, as the apportionments were only made in the fall of 1893 and did not reach the Classical Societies until the spring of 1894, so that we are not able to determine as yet, how much this action will yield for the support of the Board. The last Report of Treasurer Reber shows, however, that the women are paying into our treasury quite liberal sums. Some seem to think that what the women pay only reduces the apportionments by so much, but such is evidently not the case. Their contributions are largely in addition to the apportionments, and during the past year enabled the Board to make up, in part at least, the delinquency on the apportionments.

In the Eastern Synods, they have been doing liberal things for the Hungarian work, and have promised to do even more liberally in the future. In the Western Synods, where the demands are so urgent, they have been doing nobly. For instance, the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod requested the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Synod of the Interior to contribute a certain sum toward the \$4,000 pledged. This sum will be on hand in full by the time the Synod meets in Hiawatha, Kansas, in October.

The women have also been helping grandly in the extension work. Many of the Classes in the Eastern Synods, have already raised, or are now engaged in raising special Church building Funds. The women of the Ohio Synod are now raising such a fund of \$500, and at the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Allegheny Classis, it was resolved to raise such a fund, and so the good work goes on. The Woman's Missionary Societies have been fruitful of great good. The Board can testify to the correctness of this statement, and the Synods would do well to encourage the formation of Woman's Societies.

Where the General Societies are considered preferable, embracing men, women and young people, let them be founded by all means, but a Society of some kind, in some form, is a great

help to awaken Missionary enthusiasm in the Church.

THE OUTLOOK.

The question is frequently asked, as to what the outlook is, in our Church, for aggressive Mission work. Those who ask the question seem to intimate, by the very way they make this inquiry, that there should be more spirit and enthusiasm put into the work than formerly, or even than at the present time. It can hardly be denied but that we lack somewhat in that enthusiasm which has enabled other denominations, no stronger than we, to do great things along Missionary lines. If our theology is good, and our educational system of religion what the age needs, then there ought to be a fiery enthusiasm among us to extend the borders of the Church so as to give to men what we believe is needful for their Salvation. We see this spirit in other denominations. For instance, the Cumberland Presbyterians, until lately, had but three congregations in Chicago. They felt that they had a Mission there and ought to work among the unsaved thousands of that great city. They organized their fourth Church in Englewood, in the South part of the city. They are now erecting a Church building at a cost of \$70,000, most of which comes from outside of the city—\$20,000 coming from Ohio alone. This may be deemed extravagance by some, but it were well if our Church had a little more zeal to plant her standard in the great centers of population. We need to emphasize our denominational life more than we have done in the past.

To answer the question as to what the outlook is for the future, we may say—First. That as regards the men and means the outlook is more hopeful than ever. The Church is growing more liberal, and money comes into the treasury more freely than was formerly the case. All the various forces of the Church are at work for her extension, which was not so a few decades ago. For the Home and Foreign work in all the Synods, according to the latest estimates, there was expended last year, in their different branches, about \$110,000. This makes an average of about fifty cents per member. This aver-

age is not large, but vastly more so than twenty years ago. This shows a healthy growth and substantial progress in liberal giving. The young men are also more willing to go into Mission fields than formerly. All these things combined, give a very hopeful outlook for the future growth of the Church.

Second. As to the opportunities for the growth of the Missionary work, we can say that they never were as bright as to-day. There are numerous points waiting our coming. In the East, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other cities, need additional Missions, and already the Brethren are organizing Sunday Schools which, in the near future, will grow into Missions. Beyond the Allegheny Mountains, within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, there are a score of places where Missions should be opened. Going Westward, we have Youngstown, Toledo, Indianapolis, Omaha, where work should be commenced at once—while an additional English Mission should be planted in West Columbus and West Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to the cities we have mentioned, there are many smaller towns along the Mississippi and Missouri where the Church is called for. We repeat again, that our opportunities never were so many, neither so hopeful. Will the Church arouse herself, and put on her strength and go forth to do greater battle for the Lord?

CONCLUSION.

We bring our operations before the Synods for their examination. A full account is given of the work done during the past year. We can but wish that much more had been done, since much more should have been done. The Board, however, did the best it could with the means at hand. Full satisfaction was not given, perhaps, to all parts of the Church, but this could hardly be expected. We have great reason to be encouraged as a Church, with the progress of the work. Still greater efforts should be put forth for its extension. With gratitude to God, and with a strong faith in the greater success of the work in the future, we send forth this Report among the Churches.

D. S. FOUSE, Miss'y. Supt.

Report of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Interior Synod, of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: Were the Board of Foreign Missions to present to your Reverend body its usual Annual Statement showing a decline during the last year in the fruitful efficiency of our work in Japan, it would be only what might be expected in view of the political and warring complications in that country. But it is with thankful hearts that we find ourselves saved from such a painful necessity. With but few exceptions, and these for the most part readily accounted for, it is our happy privilege to report encouraging success along the whole line. The principle exceptions just referred to, as appears from the late statistical report, are the want of increase in membership and the falling off in contributions in part of our field. This appears to be confined to the remoter points. When for one moment we consider the condition of our Evangelistic work during the last year, with Rev. Dr. Moore's time engrossed in the Girl's School; with Rev. Schneder not sufficiently recovered to take his wonted part in this work; with Rev. Miller not yet sufficiently familiar with the language; with our out-posts left to the care of native Evangelists as yet with limited experience in their work, the wonder is that the shortage is not much greater. The decrease in contributions may be accounted for, at least in part, by the decrease in the value of the Japanese Yen, which is now worth only about fifty cents, whereas our report is in gold. They may have contributed nearly as many Yen as they did the year before, but their value will be much less in gold.

A considerable number of names have been erased from the congregational lists in view of the alienation of many, caused by the political agitations, and violent opposition of the Buddhists. It has been a year of sifting. But while the number of dismissals and erasures was 124, and deaths 31, (the dismissals are not to be counted as defections), yet the net increase of members is greater this year than the one preceeding. The number received from other churches was but little over half what it

was the year before, while the number of Baptisms was 235 against 94. The total membership is 1,960 as against 1,842, probably by this time 2,000. There were five graduates from the Theological department of the Tohoku Gakuin, thus increasing the number of native workers.

The necessity of an early reinforcement of our workers in both the Teaching and Evangelistic departments was apparent to the Board. The wisdom of enabling them to acquire the language before the necessity for their services became immediately imperative was also clear. When, therefore, the Christian Endeavor Societies of our Church proposed to support a new Missionary to Japan upon the sole condition that he be called the "Christian Endeavor Missionary," thus providing for the support of one, the Board felt warranted, besides appointing Rev. S. S. Snyder, of Columbiana, Ohio, as the "Christian Endeavor Missionary," to appoint a second, Mr. Christopher Noss, of Silver Run, Maryland, who, after taking a post-graduate course of one year in the University of Berlin, Germany, will proceed to his field of labor in Japan.

Verily has God blessed our work. We look forward to the coming year with bright hopes and expectations. Rev. Dr. Moore will be released from the Girl's School by the arrival of Miss Zurfluh, and will be enabled to devote himself to his proper Evangelistic work. Rev. Snyder will lend a helping hand to the extent that his want of acquaintance with the language will allow, and when after another year Mr. Christopher Noss, now under appointment, shall take his place in the field, the Board anticipates a forward movement in our work, such as it has not been in its power hitherto to effect.

The question of the effective prosecution of our work awaits its solution, not so much in Japan as here at home. Will the home Church furnish the means for the realization of our hopes? We look to you beloved Brethren, for the answer. For after all, success largely depends upon our Pastors.

The self-denial effort to relieve the Board of its embarrassing indebtedness was but a partial success, furnishing but little over half the needed sum. But that was a great help. The meas-

ure was new to our Church, and commanded the co-operation of but a portion of our congregations. In view of the pressing necessities now weighing upon the Board of providing comfortable residences for Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Snyder, and in another year for Brother Noss, we most respectfully ask your Reverend body to designate the approaching Lenten season, or such other time as may be deemed befitting, as a time for SPECIAL self-denial offerings to meet the emergency. We need at least some \$8,000 for the three houses and necessary grounds, over and above the sum designated by General Synod for current expenses.

We also respectfully urge your Synod to take such action as will move the Church to respond promptly and favorably to the action of General Synod in this sacred interest.

Brethren in the Lord, you have laid the Lord's work upon us. Our hands are to the plow, and we pray that we be not compelled to turn back for the want of means.

Your Servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER.

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., October 1, 1894.

Statistics for the year 1893-94 are as follows, giving only the totals. Organized Churches 12; Self-supporting and Independent Churches 5; Preaching Stations 41; Membership, last year 1,842; Dismissals and Erasures 124; Deaths 31; Received from other Churches 38; Baptisms 235; Present Membership 1,960; Girl's School 1; Scholars 58; Sunday Schools 27; Scholars 1,063; Boy's Schools 1; Scholars 134; Theological Schools 1; Scholars 26; Native Ministers 9; Unordained Preachers 18; Colporteurs 2; Bible Women 5; Contributions for all purposes \$2,528.21; Number of Students at the close of last term, both Theological and Collegiate 160; Students who dropped out during the year are not included in this number.

ARTICLE XIII.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

A. CASSELMAN, Treasurer, in account with Synod of the Interior, Reformed Church in the United States.

CONTINGENT FUND.

1893.		DR.	
Sept. 22.	To balance from J. H. Brown.....	\$	58 84
22.	Iowa Classis, per D. S. Fouse, tr.....		66 75
22.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....		25 00
1894.			
Feb. 16.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr.....		7 62
Mch. 31.	" " " " tr.....		9 00
Apr. 18.	Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....		34 62
May 18.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr.....		7 50
June 6.	Kansas " per J. A. Novinger, tr.....		25 00
Oct. 2.	Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr.....		4 90
10.	Lincoln " per T. F. Stauffer, tr.....		12 22
10.	Kansas " per J. W. Love, tr.....		18 42
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			\$ 269 87
1893.		CR.	
Sept. 22.	To J. M. Kendig for Chicago Mission....		20 00
1894.			
Feb. 6.	D. B. Shuey printing Minutes Synod....		63 00
6.	" " express on Minutes Synod....		20 00
6.	" " mailing Minutes Synod....		3 50
May 18.	" " salary Stated Clerk.....		35 00
<i>Balance in Hand.....</i>			<hr/>
			128 37
			<hr/>
			\$ 269 87
Arrearages			
	Kansas Classis, 1893-4.....		18 42
	Lincoln " " 1891-2.....		8 75
	" " 1892-3.....		6 58

WICHITA UNIVERSITY FUND.

1894.		DR.	
Jan. 9.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, tr.....		1 00
Feb. 5.	St. Joseph Church.....		1 45

Mch. 31. Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, tr.....	75	
Apr. 6. Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr.....	5 00	
May 11. " " " " tr.....	1 26	
18. Wichita " per D. B. Shuey, tr.....	9 25	
25. Illinois " per J. Sechler, tr.....	10 00	
June 8. Iowa " per D. S. Fouse, tr.....	2 83	
1894. CR.		\$ 31 54
Oct. 10. <i>By Balance in Hand</i>	31 54	
		\$ 31 54

ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

1893. DR.		
Sept. 22. To balance from J. H. Brown.....	1 00	
1894.		
Feb. 7. St. Joseph, per receipt of B. Wolf.....	5 10	
		\$ 6 10
1894. CR.		
Feb 7. B. Wolf, per St. Joseph.....	5 10	
<i>Balance in Hand</i>	1 00	
		\$ 6 10

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

1894. DR.		
Oct. 2. Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, tr.....	1 00	
		\$ 1 00
1894. CR.		
Oct. 10. <i>Balance in Hand</i>	1 00	
		\$ 1 00

Respectfully Submitted,

A. CASSELMAN.

This Report was referred to the Committee of Finance for auditing.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Finance would offer the following Report:

We have examined the Reports of the Treasurer of the

Synod, and of the Board of Beneficiary Education with vouchers, and find them correct. We find from papers and items relating to finances referred to us, that there will be needed for the Benevolent objects and Contingent expenses of Synod, the following apportionment upon the Classes:

CLASSES.	Members.	Contingent 5 Cents.	Home Missions 53 Cents.	Foreign Missions 8 Cents.	Beneficiary Education 5 Cents.	Church Extension 6 Cents.	Hungarian Mission 3½ Cts.	Total 80½ Cents.
Illinois.....	813	40 65	430 89	65 04	40 65	48 78	28 46	654 47
Iowa.....	809	40 45	428 77	64 72	40 45	48 54	28 32	651 25
Kansas.....	678	33 90	359 34	54 24	33 90	40 68	23 73	545 79
Wichita.....	366	18 30	193 98	29 28	18 30	21 96	12 81	294 63
Lincoln.....	164	8 20	86 92	13 12	8 20	9 84	5 74	132 02
Total.....	2830	141 50	1499 90	226 40	141 50	169 80	99 06	2278 16

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE,
D. H. FOUSE,
H. C. LOWER.

Committee.

This Report was adopted.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Otis Parsonage remained vacant until April 15, when it was rented to Mr. John T. McCullough at \$4.00 per month, and he is still occupying it. Some repairs were made, such as putting in window lights \$1.40; covering cistern 55 cents and painting the house \$16.00. Total expense \$17.95. A year ago, there was \$92.83 in the Citizens Bank of Emporia. Received rent from McCullough, six months \$24.00.

Interest \$1.39. Total \$118.22. There remains in hand at present \$118.22, minus \$17.95, or \$100.27.

The Minutes of the Synod were published as directed, Rev. H. L. Beam having the contract. The work was carefully done, on good paper, and the contract price was very reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XIV.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

Fathers and Brethren:

The past year has been one of trials and difficulties, and likewise disappointments for this Institution. We were disappointed in the lease to Prof. A. S. Miller, who left just as the school was to open. Rev. S. A. Alt took charge of the Institution and directed its affairs during the past year, assuming all the expenses which might be incurred, but as he was Pastor of a neighboring charge which required his absence always on Sundays, he could do justice neither to himself nor to the Institution. The school however, came to a close in the spring, somewhat earlier than usual, and graduates passed out.

During the latter part of November 1893, the suit of the University against Henry Schweiter et al. came to trial in the District Court of Sedgwich County, Kansas. At the end of two days the hearing of testimony closed, and the next morning the judge being sick, the jury was excused, and sent home until the following week, when the arguments by the attorneys were made. This delay we believe to have been disadvantageous to our case. The jurymen may have had forgotten much of the testimony, and as none of the evidence was read to the jury by the court stenographer, when the jury appeared the second week, their deliberations may not have been as clear as they

might have been without such delay in the trial. Then, it is also believed, that a certain prejudice exists in the minds of many in and around Wichita against contracts made during the time of the boom. Our claim was about \$14,500, with interest from the time the building was completed. The jury allowed us a judgment of \$4,555.15. About two-thirds of this amount has been paid into our treasury.

But now an unexpected difficulty arose. Mr. L. D. Skinner, President of the State National Bank of Wichita, a member of our Board, was also our Treasurer, and kept our funds deposited in said bank if we had any funds on hand. Just after he had received part of the above judgment money, and while he had more than twenty-five hundred dollars of our funds in his hands, the bank suspended and our funds were tied up. What we may realize out of this misfortune cannot be estimated.

As was previously reported to this Synod, many of the loans made in Wichita, turned out to be poor investments for our endowment fund. Foreclosures, paying of costs and taxes, and being obliged to take in the properties at sheriff's sale was the result in many cases. These properties do not bring us any income worth mentioning. We had intended to furnish the Synod with a schedule of assets and liabilities, but as the Finance Committee failed to furnish the proper data, we are not able to report on this point.

On account of the above mentioned financial difficulties, the Board at its Annual Meeting, resolved to close Wichita University for a year, so as not to incur any further liabilities, and also to challenge the Church at large for needed help. At a later meeting of the Board, the property was leased to Rev. A. S. Vaughan, D. D., of Stevenson, Jackson County, Alabama, who has since opened a school in the buildings. The buildings have been cleaned and repaired, so that they are presumably in good condition at present.

The Board at its Annual Meeting made the following nominations to fill vacancies in the Board: George P. Neiman, Dr.

George Stitzel, J. W. Keefer, L. C. Huber, Rev. L. S. Faust
and A. A. Hyde.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—One year ago this Board had but one Beneficiary student under its care, and who received aid, viz: John H. Kamm, of Wichita Classis, a student in Wichita University. The Board had three regular meetings during the year. Mr. John B. Bloom, a student in Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, applied to this Board for aid. He is under the care of Iowa Classis and came recommended by that Classis. He furnished the usual bond required by this Synod, whereupon the Board enrolled him with \$100 appropriation, commencing January 1, 1894.

The Board finding that it had more students than its income justified, applied to the Board of Ohio Synod, requesting that Board to take John H. Kamm, who was ready to enter our Institutions at Tiffin. The request received favorable action. Mr. Kamm has since applied to this Board for privilege to follow secular employment for a year, to earn funds to assist him in his school work. This privilege, the Board, under the circumstances granted.

Mr. Ed Stuebi, of Kansas Classis, and being recommended by that Classis was received under the care of this Board with an appropriation of \$40 beginning with this school year. He is a student in the Mission House at Franklin, Wisconsin.

The Board again asks Synod to apportion 5 cents per member for this worthy cause and we earnestly ask that it be paid in full by all the charges. The Report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

J. W. ALSPACH, Secretary.

These two reports were referred to the Committee on Education.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

J. W. LOVE, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Beneficiary Education.

1893.

DR.

Sept. 23.	Balance on hand at settlement.....	\$	188	92
Dec. 21.	Zwingli Charge per Rev. F. C. Bauman..		1	10

1894.

Mch. 3.	Wichita	"	"	D. S. Stover, treas....	5	50
" 26.	Kansas City Charge per G. K. Musselman				2	50
" 30.	Kansas Classis per Rev. J. A. Novinger, tr				23	64
Apr. 6.	Iowa	"	"	D. S. Fouse, treas.	11	27
" 10.	St. Joseph Charge per Rev. H. S. Gekeler.				3	00
" 26.	Illinois Classis per Rev. Jos. Sechler, treas.				6	50
May 24.	"	"	"	"	24	00
June 7.	Iowa	"	"	D. S. Fouse, "	4	13
" 16.	Wichita	"	"	D. B. Shucy, "	4	50
Sept. 18.	Iowa	"	"	D. S. Fouse, "	6	00
Oct. 11.	Lincoln	"	"	T. F. Stauffer, "	2	75
					\$	283 81
	Arrearages	Illinois Classis.....			9	25
		Iowa "			22	00
		Wichita "			9	35
		Lincoln "			5	40

1893.

CR.

Oct. 2.	John H. Kamm on appropriation.....	20	00
Dec. 10.	" " " " "	20	00

1894.

Jan. 16.	John B. Bloom	"	"	.....	20	00
" 31.	John H. Kamm	"	"	.....	20	00
Mch. 9.	John B. Bloom	"	"	.....	20	00
Apr. 16.	John H. Kamm	"	"	.....	20	00
May 11.	John B. Bloom	"	"	.....	10	00
Sept. 18.	" " " "	"	"	.....	6	00
	Exchange and postage.....				50	
Oct. 12.	Balance in the Treasury.....				147	31

\$ 283 81

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, Treasurer.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Finance for auditing.

*Report of the Committee on Education.***To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:**

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Education most respectfully reports as follows:

There came to our hands the Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education, from which we learn that the Board has two students under its care. Other worthy young men have applied, but the Board was obliged to refuse them aid on account of lack of funds. We commend the cause to the Churches, and recommend the apportionment of 5 cents per member for Beneficiary Education.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University also came in the hands of your Committee. The finances and other interests of the University, seem to be in a critical condition, as we learn from the Report of the Board and from statements made on the floor of Synod during these sessions. We however rejoice to know that another effort is to be made, looking forward to its revival, under the management of Dr. Vaughan.

An overture originating from Rev. H. S. Gekeler and Prof. Mathes was referred to your Committee, having reference to the College of St. Joseph. This Institution has lately come under the management of Prof. Mathes; has some 50 students enrolled; a prospective income from tuitions of nearly \$4,000 for this year; is the only Protestant Institution in a city of sixty thousand people, who are giving it substantial encouragement. Its prospects seem to be bright. The present management tenders the College of St. Joseph to this Synod. But it does not seem to your Committee that this Synod should at this time, assume any financial obligations on account of this Institution. However, we recommend the following action in order that the Institution may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri.

Resolved; That we commend the College of St. Joseph to the Churches of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. REMAGEN,
D. H. FOUSE,
JOHN ROYER.

Committee.

This Report was adopted.

Immediately after the opening of Synod, Friday afternoon had been fixed as the time to consider the Educational interests of the Synod. Rev. Love addressed the Synod, and made a statement of a proposition which Elder J. W. Keefer desires to make. Elder Keefer then stated that he had a large interest in a property, consisting of 18 lots and a large house located near Parkeville, Missouri, which he desires to contribute to purposes of a Theological School of our Church.

This matter was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. D. B. Shuey, J. W. Love, Geo. P. Hartzell and Elders H. C. Lower and J. Sonnedecker. This Committee is to report before the close of Synod, some definite plan of action in the matter.

This Committee afterwards reported the following action which was adopted.

Whereas, Elder J. W. Keefer has generously offered to donate eighteen lots situated at Parkeville, Jackson County, Missouri, on which there is a large commodious house. The said property to be used for a Theological Training School, the condition of making said donation being that such school be established and maintained by this Synod, therefore

Resolved, That we will be ready gratefully to accept this donation and comply with the condition as soon as funds are at hand to support at least two Professors, and that in the meantime we would be glad if Brother Keefer could so far modify his liberal offer as to agree to deed the property to the Trustees of Synod in trust to be utilized for the purpose named, and if this be found impracticable, he allow the property to be used for Educational purposes in such a way as Synod may deem most advisable,

Provided, Further, that the property, or fund arising from its sale be kept intact and called The J. W. Keefer Fund wherever it may be used.

Resolved, We would recommend that the Synod appoint a Committee of three to further negotiate with Brother Keefer

and others who may be interested, to bring about the completion of this donation to the Synod for the object named.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,
GEO. P. HARTZELL,
J. W. LOVE,
J. SONNEDECKER,
H. C. LOWER.
Committee.

The Committee called for in the above Report consists of Revs. D. B. Shuey, J. W. Love and H. S. Gekeler.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of the Board of Sunday School Work.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Chairman of the Sunday School Board is not in attendance upon these sessions, neither has he sent a report or material on which to base one. But as your Committee on Sunday School work will embody all that this Board could deal with in its Report and recommend suitable action, we deem it unnecessary to make an additional lengthy Report of the Board. We trust that your action will be such as to give a general advance step to Sunday School cause in our jurisdiction.

THE BOARD.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The President of the Board of Sunday Schools failed to make an Official Report to this session of Synod. This is a fact to

be regretted, as it seems to indicate an indifference on the part of those who represent the Sunday School interests of the Synod.

This Committee has failed to receive Statistical Reports from all the Classes of this Synod, hence is unable to give a complete Statistical table of the Sunday Schools of the Synod.

The following communication from the General Synod's Sunday School Secretary was received to be presented before this body:

To the Interior Synod. of the Reformed Church in the United States.

BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod, we beg leave to submit a brief Report to your Reverend body.

The Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, entered upon his labors January 1, 1894, and since then the work has been moving forward in a satisfactory manner. It is cause for Thanksgiving to God to be able to state that Pastors, Churches and Schools, and the several Classes have heartily co-operated in the work as outlined by the Board. This is evidenced by the fact, that Children's Day was observed by nearly all of our Schools this year, the Services, "Gather Them In," issued by the Board, being used by most of them. About 78,000 copies of the Services were sent out, and 6,500 Collection Envelopes. The generous offerings of the Schools have placed the finances of the Board in a sound condition. A total of \$4,200, has been received to date.

The Board finds that its work naturally divides into four departments, each and all of which, directly pertain to the extension, efficiency and improvement of our Sunday Schools, viz.: The Department of Statistics; the Department of Missionary and Sunday School work; the Department of Instruction and the Department of Publication.

As reliable information is the basis of intelligent action, the General Board in order to secure full and complete Statistics, has prepared a Statistical Sunday School blank, and it proposes their

voluntary use by Pastors and Charges, until such time as General Synod may arrange for fuller Sunday School Statistics.

Work has begun in the organization of Mission Sunday Schools. We are happy to report that the Board has aided in the establishment of ten Schools in the last eight months; four of which were organized directly through the Secretary and the Brotherhood Sunday School Missionary. In addition, several other Mission Schools have been aided in various other ways, and a general movement has been inaugurated to increase our Sunday School Membership; a marked increase is already noticeable in the Statistical Reports from the Classes.

A new Department of Editorial and Contributed Articles has been added to "The Heidelberg Teacher," and other improvements to our Lesson Helps will be made, so far as it is possible.

The Secretary of the Board feels grateful for the kind co-operation of the Synodical Sunday School Boards and of the Pastors and Sunday School workers generally in the inception of the general work. We desire to assure your Reverend body of our purpose to carry forward the Sunday School work in accordance with the recognized ecclesiastical authorities of our Church and especially with due regard to the fact that the Pastor is the Pastor of the Sunday School, and as such, its proper head. For this reason the Board also feels that it would be well for the respective Classes to have a permanent Classical Committee on Sunday School work; through which the Synodical and General Sunday School Boards can co-operate, and which will care for the General Sunday School work of the Classes as well as conserve the rights of the Classis.

The outlook is bright. We confidently expect the continued co-operation of the Church, and believing that the blessing of God is upon the work, we are sure our beloved Reformed Church is entering upon a new era of Sunday School activity.

We respectfully present for your favorable consideration, the following action of the General Synod's Sunday School Board, taken at its Annual Meeting, Christ Reformed Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1894:

Whereas, The General Synod authorized the Sunday School

Board to call upon the Sunday Schools of the Church to give a cent a Sunday School member to support the General Sunday School work; and

Whereas, The response of the Schools has permitted the Board to enter upon the work; and the united action of hundreds of our Schools in giving their Children's Day Offerings to the General Sunday School Board has been so hearty and generous; therefore

Resolved, That all Schools are requested to make Children's Day the time for the annual offering for the support of the work of the Board, it being understood that the cent a member will be considered as included in the Children's Day Offering.

Resolved, That the Schools which do not give the Children's Day Offering, are kindly asked to contribute a cent a Sunday School member for the work of the General Sunday School Board.

Resolved, That this action of the Board be communicated to the various District Synods, and that they are hereby over-tured to request their Classes to adopt this plan of supporting the General Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER,
D. B. LADY,
J. H. BOMBERGER,
RUFUS W. MILLER.
Executive Committee.

October 6, 1891.

We submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the success and progress of the Sunday School work of the General Board through its Secretary and pledges a hearty co-operation in the work of the same.

Resolved, That the first two resolutions embodied in the communication of the Sunday School Secretary to this Synod be recommended to the Classes of this Synod for their favorable consideration.

Resolved, That the Board of Sunday School Work be urged

to a sense of its duty in furnishing the proper Sunday School statistics for the information of Synod, and such other matter relative to Sunday School work as shall claim the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SHAW, Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

For Statistics see Appendix.

ARTICLE XVI.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported a double set of nominees for each vacancy. The committee was directed to post its report so that all members of Synod could prepare their tickets. The election was held on Monday forenoon. Revs. G. W. Remagen and D. F. Boomersline acted as tellers. The new members elected to the different Boards are marked by an *:

BOARDS.

MISSIONS. Rev. T. F. Stauffer*, 5 years; Rev. S. Shaw, 4 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 3 years; Rev. S. Ream, Secretary, 2 years; Rev. A. Casselman, President and Treasurer, 1 year.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION. Elder J. W. Keefer*, 5 years; Rev. S. P. Harrington, 4 years; Rev. J. W. Love, Treasurer, 3 years; Rev. J. W. Alspach, Secretary, 2 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, President, 1 year.

BOARD OF ORPHANS' HOMES. Elder J. Henry Brown*, 5 years; Rev. J. W. Alspach, 4 years; Rev. F. M. Shultz, 3 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 2 years; Rev. D. N. Frantz, 1 year.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. Elder J. Sommedecker*, 5 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 4 years; Rev. P. E. Zartman, President, 3 years; Rev. S. Ream, Secretary, 2 years; Rev. G. W. Remagen, 1 year.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.—Elder Fred Isely*, 5 years; Rev. D. N. Frantz, 4 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, Secretary, 3 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, President and Treasurer, 2 years; Rev. J. Sechler, 1 year.

TRUSTEES OF WICHITA UNIVERSITY. Dr. George Stitzel*, J. W. Keefer*, George P. Neiman*, each for 5 years; Rev. Bruce Griffith, D. M.

Jones, J. C. Rutan, each for 4 years; W. H. Rauch, Esq., Rev. A. S. Dechant, J. H. C. Brewer, each for 3 years; Rev. J. W. Love, J. Henry Brown, L. D. Skinner, each for 2 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Rev. A. Casselman, Wilbur B. Jones, each for 1 year.

ARTICLE XVII.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

Report of the Board of Orphans' Homes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The Board of Orphans' Homes held no meeting during the year, owing to lack of a quorum, but two members of the Board being present at this Synod.

As members of the Board, we have nothing new to report. The nature of this Department of Church work is such, however, as to demand increased contributions in its behalf; therefore, as a representation of the Board we ask Synod to reiterate the action of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER,

J. W. ALSPACH.

Committee.

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATIONS.

At the Annual Meeting of 1893, Synod appointed a Special Committee to consider the advisability of establishing a Synodical Church paper. This Committee made the following report:

Your Committee to consider the advisability of establishing a paper by this Synod would recommend for your adoption the following report :

We recommend as advisable and practicable the publishing of a

weekly, or at least a semi-monthly, at a price not to exceed 50 cents per year, within the reach of all our families and members, by which we may keep them fully informed of the work of the Churches; furnish them with Religious reading; and through which, as an organ of the Synod, we may interest our people generally in what we are doing to advance the cause of the Master.

Your Committee have a number of propositions from responsible parties to publish a semi-monthly, eight page paper, about 12x16 inches in size, at a cost not to exceed 50 cents per year to single subscribers.

We therefore further recommend:

Item 1. That we establish a Synodical paper, as soon as practicable, and not later than January 1, 1895.

Item 2. That we elect an editor in chief at this Synod from one of our Classes, and after his election, that we elect four associate editors, one from each of the remaining Classes, who shall furnish original matter not to exceed two columns per issue.

Item 3. Nothing in the foregoing action shall be so construed as to make this Synod pecuniarily liable for any indebtedness incurred by said editor in chief.

Item 4. That we hereby urge upon Pastors and Consistories to do all in their power to secure large subscription lists in their several charges for the proposed paper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE,

J. W. ALSPACH,

Committee.

The Report was taken up item by item. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 adopted. Item 3 was divided. First part was adopted. Also the second part. Item 4 was adopted and also the report as a whole.

Rev H. S. Gekeler was elected editor in chief under item 3. The following were elected as associate editors—Illinois Classis, Rev. H. L. Beam; Iowa Classis, Rev. S. Ream; Wichita Classis, Rev. B. Griffith; Lincoln Classis, Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

*Report of the Committee on Publication.***To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:**

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report:

Item 1. Topic 3, Item 1 of the Minutes of Classis was referred to this Committee. We find that the publication of the "Herald of the Interior" has been discontinued since this action of Illinois Classis; and it is therefore impossible for Synod to grant their request and make it our official organ.

Item 2. Resolved that the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed.

Item 3. Resolved that the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society be published with the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ABNER S. DECHANT,
J. C. BEADE,
JOHN ROYER.

Committee.

The Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XIX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Expenses of Delegates to Synod.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to investigate the advisability of this Synod meeting the traveling expenses of her delegates, and to make an estimate of the apportionment necessary per member to this end, and that this Committee report before the Report of the Committee on Finance is made.

The resolution was adopted and the following Committee appointed: Revs. A. S. Dechant, D. H. Fouse and Elder J. Sondecke.

*Report of Special Committee.***To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:**

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the question

of investigating the advisability of Synod paying the expenses of her delegates, beg leave to submit the following report:

Upon investigation we find that if the Synod were to meet the entire traveling expenses of all Ministers and Elders within our bounds it would be necessary to apportion among the Classes 35 cents per member. To apportion this amount your Committee deems inexpedient and recommend the following action:

Resolved, That all charges pay the expenses of their Ministers and delegate Elders when the distance to the place of meeting of Synod be 200 miles or less, all expenses for the distance beyond 200 miles to be born by Synod, and

Resolved, That to raise the money necessary to meet this expense, there be apportioned upon the several Classes the sum of 10 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

ABNER S. DECHANT,
DAVID H. FOUSE,
J. SONNEDECKER,
Committee.

While the adoption of the Report was under discussion, it was resolved to refer the whole matter to the consideration of the different Classes for an expression on the subject.

Rev. G. W. Remagen was appointed reporter for the Synod. He furnished items of news from the Synod to the daily papers.

Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting.

Rev. A. S. Dechant gave a cordial invitation to Synod to hold its next meeting in Abilene. Rev. S. Ream gave a similar invitation for Lone Tree, Iowa. The roll being called the choice fell to Abilene, and it was therefore resolved that the next Annual Meeting of the Synod be held as a General Convention, in Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas,

commencing Wednesday evening, October 23, A. D. 1895, at 7:30 o'clock.

On motion a Committee consisting of the Pastor loci and the officers of Synod was appointed to prepare a program of Religious Services for the next Annual Meeting of Synod.

Report of Special Committee on Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Your Committee, after a careful consideration of the matter in hand, would recommend the following:

That the statement of finances given by the Treasurer of the Society be printed in our Minutes for the information of our people.

We commend the Society to our Pastors and people as a most worthy one and would urge that every congregation, if at all possible, make an offering at least once each year for the benefit of this Society.

That each Classis be requested to take the matter under consideration and if possible, endow one of their number as a life member of the Society.

A. CASSELMAN, Chairman.

This Report was adopted.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States through its officers presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 29, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last report.....	\$ 2,396 00
“ from collections in the Churches.....	2,256 89
“ “ interest on investment.....	1,213 00
“ “ miscellaneous sources.....	500 55
“ “ matured loan.....	500 00
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	\$ 6,866 44

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid to forty annuitants.....	\$ 2,410 00
“ “ for investment.....	1,500 00
“ “ expenses.....	160 10
“ in Treasury September 29, 1894.....	2,796 34
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	\$ 6,866 44

Invested fund.....\$32,550 00

REV. W. M. DETRICK, D. D., President, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, Secretary, Middletown, Md.

REV. S. S. MILLER, Treasurer, St. Petersburg, Pa.

Superintendent Shuey reported that the Sunday evening Missionary Offering amounted to \$32.17, which he forwarded to Dr. Fouse for the Chicago Mission Chapel.

The following resolution was introduced :

Whereas, It appears from the printed Minutes of Synod, that Kansas Classis did not pay its 1887 apportionment, amounting to \$27.34 to the contingent fund of Synod, therefore

Resolved, That this Classis is hereby requested to pay into the Treasury of Synod this unpaid apportionment.

This matter was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Shuey, Love and Stauffer to report next year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our most hearty thanks to the members of Bethany Reformed Church and other citizens of Hiawatha, Kansas, for the generous entertainment and courteous treatment received at their hands during the session of this Synod and to the ladies who furnished the members of Synod with the Reformed Church colors.

Resolved, That this resolution be published by the Pastor loci from his pulpit and also in the city papers.

On motion Synod voted to Bethany Reformed Church five dollars for expenses during the meeting of Synod.

On motion the salary of the Stated Clerk was fixed at \$50 per annum.

Report of the Committee on Examination and Licensure.

To the Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would respectfully report that no candidates have presented themselves for Examination and Licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BUTLER,
Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT OF SYNOD.

The business sessions of Synod closed on Monday noon. The roll was called and the following were absent without being excused: Revs. J. M. Kendig, D. D., H. Bair, H. L. Beam, R. F. Oplinger, John Kercher; Elders John Runkel, Philip Reeser, Aaron Meyer, Samuel Brillhart, Isaac Reimer, Calvin Lingle, G. W. Poorman, Jacob Hutmacher, George B. Jordan of Illinois Classis; Revs. F. M. Shultz, George Rettig, G. H. Albright and all the Elders of Iowa Classis. Revs. A. Bolliger, D. J. Greenwald, S. Thomas and Elder Joseph C. Stauffer and the Elders from St. Joseph, Wathena and New Basil, Kansas Classis; Elders Arthur L. Neiman, M. R. Remsburg, Wichita Classis; Rev. Parley E. Zartman, Elder George Marquart and the Elder from the Imogene charge.

The Minutes were read and adopted. Synod formally adjourned to meet in Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Kansas, Wednesday, October 23, 1895. Synod closed with Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Doxology and Benediction.

T. F. STAUFFER, President.

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior held their Sixth Annual Meeting in Bethany Reformed Church, Hiawatha, Kansas, October 12, 1894, at 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

The meeting was called to order and devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. P. J. Heffley.

As the Secretary was absent, Miss Jean Love was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Minutes of the last meeting held at Chicago were read and approved.

The following delegates were enrolled.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS: No delegates present.

IOWA CLASSIS: No delegates present.

KANSAS CLASSIS: Mrs. J. A. Novinger, Mrs. G. W. Remagen, Miss Jean Love.

WICHITA CLASSIS: Miss Ella Strauss.

LINCOLN CLASSIS: Mrs. P. J. Heffley.

Mrs. F. Zimmerman, Mrs. Dan Zimmerman, Mrs. Eli Zimmerman, Mrs. Bertha Shug, Mrs. Buechler, Miss Emma Zimmerman and Miss Clara Zimmerman were made advisory members.

Election of Officers.

PRESIDENT,	Mrs. P. J. Heffley.
VICE-PRESIDENT,	Mrs. G. W. Remagen.
SECRETARY,	Miss Jean Love.
TREASURER,	Mrs. D. S. Fouse.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,	Miss Ella Strauss.
EDITOR,	Mrs. A. S. Dechant.

Reports.

The President read a Report of the year's work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior.

A Report of the Woman's Missionary Society of Illinois Classis was read. They met in Annual Session at Stonington, Christian county, Friday, May 18, 1894, at 9 A. M.

Reports were given from the following localities: Hiawatha Society, Mrs. J. A. Novinger; Emporia Society, Miss Ella Strauss; Fairview Society, Mrs. G. W. Remagen; Kansas City, Mo., Miss Jean Love.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported as follows to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior, for the year ending October 9, 1894:

1893.		Dr.	
		In Treasury from last year.....	\$ 32 00
		From collection at Synod.	10 00
		Received from Sioux City Mission.....	5 00
		" " Mrs. Albert per Mrs. Har't'n	3 75
		" " W. M. Soc., Maquoketa, Ia..	7 00
Dec.	29.	W. M. Soc., Liscomb, H. M.....	6 30
"	"	" " " Lisbon, H. M.....	10 00
"	30.	" " " Damascus, H. M.....	6 00
1894.			
Jan.	20.	Damascus, H. M. 4.00, F. M. 3.48.....	7 48
Mch.	1.	Orangeville, Ill.....	1 60
"	20.	Lucy Yost, F. M., Miss Holl \$5, Mrs. M \$4	9 00
"	30.	Mrs. Hassenflug.....	10 00
"	"	Lizzie Cort, Zwingli, Ia.....	15 00
May	1.	W. M. Soc., St. Peter's Church, Astoria, Ill.	2 00
"	"	Damascus for Chicago.....	5 00
"	"	Altamont for Chicago.....	4 75
"	24.	F. M. Carrie H. Eyth, Enterprise, Kas.....	5 00
June	6.	Lucy Yost, Treasurer Illinois Classis, H. M.	16 13
"	"	Lucy Yost, F. M., Miss Hallowell.....	3 75
"	"	Mrs. Woods, Iowa Classis, H. M.....	7 06
"	"	Mrs. McKee for Miss Hallowell.....	1 00
"	16.	Lincoln Classis, H. M.....	16 00
July	17.	Damascus, W. M. Soc., H. M. 10, F. M. 4..	14 00

Aug. 3.	W. M. Soc., Maquoketa, Ia., H. M.	7 25
Sept. 3.	Lucy Yost, W. M. Soc., Ill. Classis, H. & F.	61 01
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		\$ 266 08
1893.	C.R.	
Sept. 23.	Paid to Home Missions	\$ 32 00
1894.		
Jan. 13.	" " " "	48 05
Feb. 7.	" " " "	34 08
Aug. 1.	" " Chicago lot	25 88
Sept. 10.	" " Foreign Missions	43 23
" 20.	" " Home Missions	82 59
May 5.	Cards and postage	25
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		\$ 266 08

Respectfully submitted,

A letter was read to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior from the President of the Woman's Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, stating that the women of the Church have assumed as their Foreign Mission work, the entire support of the Girl's School at Sendia, Japan, and asking that this Society raise \$100 towards its support, and that each local Society take measures for a more general circulation of the Woman's Journal.

The Society decided to give \$100 to Foreign Mission work. Of this amount, \$50 for Miss Hollowell, \$25 for the Children's Home in Japan, and \$25 for the support of the Girl's School at Sendia, Japan. The Society also decided to give \$200 to Home Mission work. And they also urge that each local Society appoint some member of their Society to solicit subscribers for the Woman's Journal in their Societies and Congregations.

The following resolutions were reported and adopted:

Whereas, The distance of travel is so great in attending the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, and the cost thereof too great for the means of most of our delegates to bear alone, and as it is necessary that the Officers of the Society be present at the opening of the Annual Meeting,

thus subjecting them to additional expense each year, therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter one-half the actual traveling expenses of the President, Secretary and Treasurer be paid by the Treasurer of this Society in attending the Annual Meeting.

Resolved, That hereafter each Classical Society shall elect two delegates, one *primarius* and the other *secundus*, one of whom shall attend these Annual Meetings, one-half the traveling expenses of such delegate be provided for by the Classical Society.

Resolved, That each Missionary Society be requested to send at least one delegate to the Annual Meeting of this Society, and that one-half if not all the cost of attending be provided by such Society.

Resolved, That the Classical Societies be requested to send a complete copy of their Minutes to this Society at each Annual Meeting for review, this copy containing the Annual Report of the Treasurer of each Society.

Adjourned to meet Friday evening.

Public Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society met in Bethany Reformed Church, Friday, Oct. 12, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of holding a Public Missionary Meeting.

Mrs. P. J. Heffley read the scripture lesson and Mrs. Novinger lead in prayer. Essays were read by Miss Zimmerman and Miss Jean Love. Revs. Casselman, Dechant and Gekeler followed with short voluntary speeches. Good music was interspersed. Offering amounted to \$8.09.

Closed by use of Doxology and Benediction.

Adjournment.

The Society adjourned to meet with the next Annual Meeting of Synod.

MRS. P. J. HEFFLEY, President.
MISS JEAN LOVE, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.

CHARGES.

Illinois Classis.

	No of (congregations.	Members.	Members (unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Rebaptized.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benefaction (Purposes).	Contributions.	Minutes.	Papers.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Joel W. Alspach	.....	44	44	2	1	1	2	2	55	97	.....	14	32	54	.....	124 49	25 00	50	34	Altamont, Ill.
Joshua Wolbach	.....	74	74	6	1	1	3	3	55	87	.....	33	11	33	.....	113 00	48 00	30	43	Anna, Ill.
Geo. F. Hartzel	.....	47	47	4	1	1	3	3	67	.....	.....	11	11	39	.....	132 01	75 19	25	43	Summit, Ill.
Simon P. Harrington	.....	42	42	1	1	1	1	1	30	.....	6	3	4	45	.....	904 70	153 00	25	27	Dakota, Ill.
Joseph Sechler	.....	35	35	1	1	1	1	1	30	.....	3	3	3	5	.....	60 00	220 00	25	15	Leota, Ill.
Vacant	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	.....	8	1	2	20	.....	100 00	338 00	45	67	Forreston, Ill.
John M. Kendlig, D. D.	.....	41	41	5	1	1	1	1	96	4	.....	16	16	103	.....	355 00	301 51	15	10	Chicago, Ill.
Daniel N. Prantz	.....	82	82	3	1	1	3	3	25	.....	2	3	3	51	.....	308 00	867 00	60	68	Stoughton, Ill.
Vacant	.....	142	142	9	1	1	3	3	132	2	.....	14	14	105	.....	40 67	596 60	25	25	Orangeville, Ill.
J. W. Alspach, supply	.....	51	51	8	1	1	3	3	52	.....	6	2	2	4	.....	86	185 00	25	31	Altamont, Ill.
Shelby	.....	49	49	4	1	1	3	3	52	.....	.....	1	1	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Anna, Ill.
Henry L. Bean	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Taylorville, Ill.
Robert E. Oplinger	Without Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John Kercher	Superannuated	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dakota, Ill.
H. C. Blosser, Licentiate	Pres. Col. of S. Ill.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Forreston, Ill.
U. Barf	Without Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ministers, 11	Charges, 10.	22	815	425	46	6	26	44	672	6	33	18	21	196	1659	\$1143 70	\$4100 30	327	335	

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.

CHARGES

Iowa Classis.

P. O. ADDRESS.

Iowa Classis.																				
	No of Con-	Members.	Members	Infants.	Adults.	(Confirmed)	(Certificate)	(Communion)	(Dismissed)	(Excommu-	Deaths.	Officers and	Sunday Sch-	Students	Benefe- volent	Congrega- tional	Minutes.	Papers.		
F. C. Bauman.	48	60	10	5	1	95	25	4	1	1	1	1	1	50	194 00	320 00	20	20	Zwingli, Iowa.	
S. Ream.	105	20	1	2	3	4	88	8	1	1	1	1	1	134	26 00	67 00	30	30	Lone Tree, Iowa.	
F. M. Shultz.	83	2	2	3	3	5	87	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	263 00	817 00	30	30	Leighton, Iowa.	
A. C. Reade	1	45	2	1	1	8	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50 00	253 00	20	20	Wilton, Iowa.	
S. Shaw.	1	58	36	1	1	3	50	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	42 00	650 00	25	25	Tipton, Iowa.	
D. H. Fouse.	1	87	50	10	3	5	76	1	15	3	2	1	1	40	95 00	505 00	35	35	Columbus Junction, Iowa.	
D. M. Jones.	1	87	50	10	3	5	76	1	15	3	2	1	1	43	95 00	505 00	35	35	Lisbon, Iowa.	
D. B. Anderson	1	119	42	2	5	2	95	1	4	1	1	1	1	65	169 00	444 00	25	25	Maquoketa, Iowa.	
D. F. Boomershrine	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	147 00	237 00	16	16	Liscomb, Iowa.	
L. C. Sumner.	1	60	15	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	147 00	237 00	16	16	Maquoketa, Iowa.	
Vacant	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
D. S. Fouse, D. D.	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Geo. Rettig.	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Geo. H. Albright	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total.	18	809	239	21	9	23	578	38	43	21	11	1	1	765	2	836	60	251	114	

Kansas Classics

Bethany	1	51	35	6		1	40	12	9	1	11	75	1	15	00	500	00	20	5 Hiawatha, Kas.	
St. Pauls	1	44	14		2	4	19	30	3	1	9	61		54	00	400	00	25	8 Kansas City, Mo.	
Abilene	2	102	58	6	6	25	12	146	1	1	2	37	178	184	30	1184	00	60	47 Abilene, Kansas.	
Fairview	1	100	28	3	17	5	10	60	5	1	3	152		90	00	500	00	20	15 Fairview, Kas.	
New Basel	1	91	100	100		5	2	60		3	1	15	90	228	00	425	00	20	10 New Basel, Kas.	
St. Joseph	1	37	12	1	4	5	2	37		1	1	13	90	57	91	1381	00	12	8 St. Joseph, Mo.	
St. Church, St. Jos.	1	37	12	1	4	5	2	37		1	1	13	90	57	91	1381	00	12	8 St. Joseph, Mo.	
Holton (supply)	2	33	20	1				30	2	1	1	9	30	3	00	150	00	5	3 Holton, Kas.	
John Biery	1	100	60	12		12		55		4	1	11	50	25	00	700	00	5	14 Wathena, Kas.	
Wells (supply)	1	13	8					13		3				12	45	37	00	3	3	
D. B. Shuey	1	14	12					14		1										
A. Bolliger																				
St. Joseph																				
Without Charge																				
Without Charge																				
Without Charge																				
Schenefeld	1	36																		
Denver	1	30	25	6		17	26			2	12	55		5	00	200	00	24	Denver, Colo.	
Total	14	714	372	45	29	56	63	620	15	12	19	111	781	1	6	525	75	834	8	00

Wichita Classics

Supt. of Missions																					
D. B. Shuey...	2	84	35	4	9	2	12	16		9	1	10	61	2	80	00	475	00	25	5 Emporia, Kas.	
A. Casselman																				20 Lyons, Kas.	
S. A. Alt	2	64	35	4	3	10	8	58	1	1	2	19	106	41	00	338	00	30	20	Wichita, Kas.	
Le. S. Fausch	2	50	24	4	2	7	4	40	2	8	1	20	80	50	00	184	00	22	8	Iola, Kas.	
Bruce Griffith	1	114	43	3	6	8	8	77	8	3	1	14	101	1	145	00	581	00	30	10	Wichita, Kas.
D. B. Shuey	1	16	19	4				16		3	1	5	25	33	00	33	00	40			
D. B. Shuey	1	18	34	2	4	4	18			22				4	00	18	00	10			
Total	9	386	190	30	13	43	36	283	11	46	3	68	386	3	6	453	00	152	63		

Lincoln Classics

Thos. F. Stauffer	1	55	32	7	2	4	50	2		2	1	9	55	25	00	300	00	25	20 Lincoln, Neb.	
J. E. Butler	1	69	30	5	1	4	55	2		6	5	1	8	47	00	261	00	20	5 Inogene, Iowa.	
Parley E. Zartman.	1	15	10			2	3	14			1	6	38	32	00	55	00	10	4 Sioux City, "	
Parley E. Zartman	1	25	11	2	2	2	23				1	10	55	42	00	78	00	10	8	
Edmund Erb																				
Total	4	164	83	14	3	10	7	142	4	8	6	33	183	1	144	00	694	00	65	37

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLES.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.

Illinois Classis.

No. of Schools.	No. of Months held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.	Average Attendance of Teachers.	Officers.	Average Attendance of Officers.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	Total Average.	No. of Members of the School Professing Religion during the year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per week.	Collections for use of School.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Do you hold Teachers Meetings?	Do you study the Catechism in the S. S.?
Dakota.....	1	12	46	10	0	0	0	62	62	3	..	50	25 00	10 00	Yes	No.
Rock Grove.....	1	12	35	4	3	3	3	49	41	..	..	..	15 00	..	No.	No.
Walnut Grove.....	1	12	40	5	4	4	4	50	41	..	..	..	13 00	..	No.	No.
Silver Springs.....	1	12	32	4	3	3	3	51	34	..	..	..	15 00	1 00	No.	No.
Buckhart.....	1	12	45	4	4	4	4	51	44	..	..	..	15 00	..	No.	No.
Stonington.....	1	12	36	3	6	6	6	40	45	..	..	..	15 00	..	No.	No.
Mt. Zion.....	1	12	31	3	3	3	3	42	..	..	..	..	15 00	..	No.	No.
Altamont.....	1	12	43	3	3	3	3	36	41	..	..	..	40 00	11 00	Yes	In part.
St. Paul (Hickory Creek).....	1	12	53	9	9	6	6	138	66	2	200	45	41 00	3 00	No.	No.
Summit.....	1	12	35	3	3	3	3	31	25	..	..	..	45 00	11 00	No.	No.
Wetang.....	1	12	39	4	4	4	4	50	29	..	..	..	8 00	..	No.	No.
Harlem Center.....	1	12	33	3	3	3	3	43	40	..	..	..	11 00	3 00	No.	No.
Chicago.....	1	12	35	4	3	3	3	75	40	..	..	..	30 00	..	No.	No.
Chicago.....	1	12	73	13	10	3	3	123	123	4	..	..	30 00	..	No.	No.
Total.....	13	156	454	76	50	69	54	678	541	16	200	406	251 00	59 00	..	..
Iowa Classis.																
Leighton.....	1	12	65	10	9	15	10	86	71	3	..	30	45 30	2 26	No.	..
Wilton.....	1	12	40	35	5	5	5	52	45	..	50	50	11 00	3 00	No.	..
Lisbon.....	1	12	95	85	10	6	6	112	99	3	..	105	35 00	45 00	Yes	..
Liscomb.....	1	12	90	66	7	7	7	117	81	..	..	..	40 00	8 21	Yes	..
Lone Tree.....	1	12	85	55	7	7	7	99	64	..	..	..	16 47	..	..	..
Tipton.....	1	12	40	33	3	3	3	46	32	..	220	30	25 00	..	Yes	..
Conceville.....	1	12	60	45	9	9	9	74	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trinity (Columbus Junction).....	1	12	60	40	3	3	3	72	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Paul (Columbus Junction).....	1	12	62	45	5	5	5	74	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brandon.....	1	12	30	25	4	4	4	38	32	..	75	..	12 00	2 00	Yes	..
Amber.....	1	12	36	25	4	4	4	42	32	..	..	..	15 00	..	No.	..
Christ Church, Maquoketa.....	1	12	40	30	3	3	3	46	36	..	..	..	6 50	..	No.	..
Union, Maquoketa.....	1	6	65	45	4	4	4	74	52	..	..	..	8 40	..	No.	..
Total.....	13	178	577	90	70	73	50	941	708	6	345	491	214 76	62 47	..	..

Kansas Classis.

Kansas City.....	1	12	52	40	9	8	.....	61	1	40	26 00	14 00	No.	Yes
St. Joseph.....	1	12	40	12	.....	.....	.....	103 70	10	75	71 29	26 15	No.	No
Fairview.....	1	12	140	78	12	.....	.....	152 85	10	.....	25 00	15 26	No.	No
Zions.....	1	12	40	35	6	.....	.....	46 38	.....	20	.....	.....	Yes	Yes
Hiawatha.....	1	12	120	56	7	6	5	132 06	.....	50	36 25	12 44	No.	No
Circleville.....	1	12	36	24	9	7	.....	45	.....	.....	12 00	3 35	No.	No
New Basil.....	1	12	90	65	17	14	.....	107	27	26	5 00	.....	No.	No
Abilene.....	1	12	114	72	9	8	11	131 76	10	40	51 88	9 59	Yes	Yes
Enterprise.....	1	12	52	20	6	4	5	63 35	5	46	20 16 75	11 39	No.	No
Totals.....	9	12	731	459	84	56	25	843 370	63	46	271	264 17	92 21	

Wichita Classis.

Lyons.....	1	12	60	34	7	5	7	70	45	1	50	45	28 50	11 50	No
Cheney.....	1	12	70	58	6	1	4	80	65	6	36	21	24 00	12 00	Yes
Whitewater.....	1	12	36	30	5	3	4	45	36	.....	.....	6 15	.....	Yes	
Emporia.....	1	12	58	17	4	4	5	34	21	100	15	23 00	1 00	No	
Wichita.....	1	12	103	58	10	9	4	117	69	6	.....	69 85	15 63	Yes	
Iola.....	1	12	30	21	5	4	5	49	29	7	30	20	9 64	1 50	Yes
Allen Center.....	1	12	50	35	7	4	3	61	40	.....	.....	20	10 00	2 50	Yes
Totals.....	7	12	386	253	41	33	32	456	306	27	216	144	189 99	50 88	

Lincoln Classis.

Lincoln.....	1	12	55	36	5	4	4	64 44	1	75	25	25 00	9 71	No
Imogene.....	1	9	35	17	1	3	1	43 32	2	.....	25	15 00	5 00	No.
Sioux City and Ursinus.....	2	20	83	54	8	4	8	93 62	5	208	50	24 71	7 10	No.
Totals.....	4	40	173	108	15	11	16	200 128	8	343	100	64 71	21 81	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

Classes.

Illinois.....	13	12	726	454	76	59	69	54	678	541	16	290	406 *	261 00 *	39 00
Iowa.....	13	12	778	577	90	70	73	59	941	708	6	345	491	214 76	62 47
Kansas.....	9	12	734	459	84	56	25	19	843	570	63	46	271	264 17	92 21
Wichita.....	7	12	586	253	44	33	32	25	467	306	27	216	144	189 99	50 88
Lincoln.....	4	10	173	108	17	11	16	9	206	128	8	343	100	64 71	21 81
Total.....	46	12	2,977	1,851	311	229	215	164	3,130	2,053	120	1,150	1,412 *	994 63 *	266 57

CLASSES.

Classes, Ministries, (Congregations,	Baptisms.	Additions.	Losses.				Officers and Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod Wanted	Church Papers Taken.
			Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- newal of Profess'n.	(Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Illinois.....	10	11	22	813	427	46	6	26	44	672	6	53	18
Iowa.....	11	13	18	809	239	21	9	23	33	578	38	43	21
Kansas.....	12	15	14	714	352	45	29	36	63	471	15	12	19
Wichita.....	6	1	9	366	190	30	13	43	36	283	11	46	3
Lincoln.....	3	3	4	164	83	14	3	10	7	142	1	8	6
Total.....	42	5	48	2866	1311	156	60	158	183	2139	71	145	67
										408	3114	6	
										4263	36		
										15270	30	995	698

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1894.

SYNODS.

SYNOPSIS.																							
Eastern.....	11	218	508	91748	50290	5608	584	4174	2514	74696	1306	1301	2490	620	1766	66514	117	140526	00	391404	00		
Ohio.....	6	115	223	21011	5890	714	664	1442	949	17031	494	4	706	312	198	2401	19381	29	16921	86	118432	63	
Northwest.....	10	142	214	29016	15735	1832	29	1235	954	14168	244	5	515	510	186	1069	2	35	14487	00	92466	00	
Pittsburg.....	5	72	104	17103	3669	1000	135	734	745	16066	431	3	317	324	117	697	10372	10	20166	00	63601	00	
Potomac.....	9	160	392	35625	21143	2012	418	1932	1657	30033	671	3	312	825	283	2666	21755	60	30036	64	158228	65	
German of East.....	5	53	33	13616	9936	2130	14	717	926	16657	163	1	697	445	51	1110	16711	11	9300	00	78463	00	
Central.....	4	80	116	16388	11447	128	65	899	910	14346	253	6	479	290	163	1450	11836	53	13958	00	98066	00	
Interior.....	5	48	67	2866	1311	156	60	158	183	2149	74	145	67	54	48	3114	6	4263	36	15270	30		
Total.....	55	938	1647	221453	123333	14762	1969	11289	8238	17676	3516	19	4592	5393	1612	16428	162329	291	258918	86	1017857	88	

NOTE.—The Stated Clerks of the several District Synods, in order respectively arranged, are as follows: 1. Rev. J. P. Stein, Reading, Pa. 2. Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O. 3. Rev. J. J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis. 4. Rev. J. H. Mickle, Scottsdale, Pa. 5. Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. E. Dahlman, 71 Locust St., Buffalo, N. Y. 7. Rev. J. Bachman, D. D., 669 Freeman Ave., Cincinnati, O. 8. Rev. D. B. Shucy, Emporia, Kansas.

Annual Meetings of District Synods in the year 1895: EASTERN—Shamokin, Pa., on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 P. M. Ohio Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 P. M. NORTHWEST—Milwaukee, Wis., on Thursday, October 3, at 7:30 P. M. PITTSBURG—Butler, Pa., on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:30 P. M. POTOMAC—Frederick, Md., on Tuesday, October 22, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. GERMAN SYNOD OF EAST—St. John's Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 P. M. CENTRAL—Toledo, O., on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 P. M. INTERIOR—Abilene, Kansas, on Wednesday, October 23, at 7:30 P. M.

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Ninth Annual Sessions. 

Acts and Proceedings

... OF THE ...

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR

... OF THE ...

✓ Reformed Church

... IN THE ...

UNITED STATES

... HELD IN ...

GRACE REFORMED CHURCH

Abilene, Kansas, October 23, A. D., 1895.

ABILENE, KANSAS:
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NINTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior, met in General Convention, in Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. The sessions began on the evening of the twenty-third, at 7:30 and closed at 9:00 on the evening of the twenty-eighth.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Pursuant to the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, the Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in Ninth Annual Convention, in Grace Reformed Church, in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, on Wednesday evening October 23d, A. D., 1895, at half past seven o'clock. The Rev. T. F. Stauffer, the retiring President, preached the opening sermon, from the Text, Matthew 9: 13, last clause, "For I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance," Theme, "Christ the hope of the World."

After the sermon and prayer, the Synod was called to order and the Stated Clerk called the roll. Those answering to their names were found to consist of twenty-six ministers and six elders; these elders being from Kansas and Wichita Classes. The constitution requiring that a majority of the Classes must be represented by both ministers and elders, it was found that no quorum was present. Elders Aaron W. Myers, of Illinois Classis, with other ministers and elders, appearing next morning a constitutional quorum was established.

Rev. A. S. Dechant, the pastor loci, heartily welcomed the members of Synod to Abilene and Grace Church.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Illinois Classis.

MINISTERS:—John M. Kendig, D. D., Simon P. Harrington, Charles F. Althouse, Lucian J. Mayer.

ELDERS:—Aaron W. Myers (2).

Iowa Classis.

MINISTERS:—F. D. Bauman (h), Dewalt S. Fouse, D. D., Solomon Ream, Samuel Shaw, David H. Fouse, David F. Boomershine, L. C. Summer, Lewis P. Krome.

ELDERS:—None present.

Kansas Classis.

MINISTERS:—John W. Love, D. D., Abner S. Dechant, George W. Remagen (f), Henry S. Gekeler (2), David A. Winter, Sigfried Thomas (g), A. M. Lewis (g), Franklin H. Fisher (2 g), Solomon A. Alt (4).

ELDERS:—David P. Wagner, Fred. Isley, C. Barten (g), E. T. Mathes.

Wichita Classis.

MINISTERS:—D. B. Shuey, A. Casselman, L. S. Faust (g), Bruce Griffith (h), George F. Mathes.

ELDERS:—Philip Smith (2), A. L. Rauch (2 f), John Royer, Fred. Marhofer.

Lincoln Classis.

MINISTERS:—Thomas F. Stauffer, Edmund Erb

ELDERS:—None present.

NOTE.—The figures indicate the session at which members took their seats, who were not present at the first roll call; the letters the time of leaving.

Advisory Members and Visitors.

The following named ministers attended some or all of the Sessions of Synod and were invited to seats, those of the Reformed Church as Advisory Members:

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, General Sunday School Secretary, member of Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Edward D. Wettach, Financial Agent of Heidelberg University, member of Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod; Rev. William E. Hoy, Foreign Missionary of the Reformed Church, located in Sendai, Japan. Rev. E. E. Tarbill, of the M. E. Church; Rev. F. S. Blavney, Ph. D., of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. H. C. Haithecox, D. D., of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. J. M. KENDIG, D. D., President.

REV. S. P. HARRINGTON, Vice-President.

REV. D. B. SHUEY, Emporia, Kansas, is the Stated Clerk.

REV. C. F. ALTHOUSE, Corresponding Secretary.

REV. D. H. FOUSE, Columbus Junction, Iowa, Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

After the election of officers, the Stated Clerk read the Rules of Order of Synod.

The president announced that the first six pews would constitute the Bar of the house.

The hours of the Sessions of Synod were fixed, viz: to meet at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and to adjourn at 11:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.—D. B. Shuey, F. C. Bauman, Aaron Myers.

OVERTURES.—S. P. Harrington, S. Shaw, C. Barten.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.—D. H. Fouse, C. F. Althouse, A. L. Rauch.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.—D. A. Winter, A. M. Lewish, Fred Isley.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.—T. F. Stauffer, F. H. Fisher, Aaron Myers.

MISSIONS.—J. W. Love, D. D., G. W. Remagen, Fred Isley.

FINANCE.—A. Casselman, D. F. Boomersshine, E. T. Mathes.

NOMINATIONS.—D. S. Fouse, D. D., L. S. Faust, Fred Marhofer.

PUBLICATION.—S. Ream, Bruce Griffith, John Royer.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—A. S. Dechant, Edmund Erb, David P. Wagner.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—F. M. Shultz, L. P. Krome, A. L. Rauch.

EDUCATION.—L. J. Mayer, L. C. Summer, E. T. Mathes.

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

The minutes of the Synod, and of the Classes of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln were received and referred to the proper Committees. All other communications received were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII. RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services.

The Committee on Religious Services appointed by the Synod a year ago had arranged for all the principal services of the Synod, and their report was adopted. Additional services were reported by the Standing Committee on Religious Services and their report was adopted. The combined completed report is as follows, which was adopted as a whole:

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report as follows:

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Opening Service, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D. Synodical Sermon, Pres. T. F. Stauffer.

THURSDAY EVENING.—Church Work Meeting, Rev. Bruce Griffith, Chairman. "Catechetics," Rev. D. H. Fouse; "Consistory at Work," Rev. S. Ream; "Our Young People," Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

FRIDAY EVENING.—Woman's Missionary Meeting.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.—3:00 P. M.—Preparatory Services, Sermon, Rev. A. Casselman; Altar Services, Revs. Harrington and Wettach.

4:00—Relief of Ministers and Their Widows: Addresses by Revs. Love and Shultz.

SATURDAY EVENING.—Rev. S. Ream, Chairman. Address, Rev. Rufus W. Miller. Three minute addresses by members of Synod. Questions.

SUNDAY MORNING.—9:30.—Sunday School, Opening Service, H. C. Lower, Superintendent. Addresses, Revs. Miller, Wettach and Gekeler.

11:00.—Synodical Communion: Sermon, Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D.; Altar Services, Revs. Shaw and Mayer.

3:30.—Normal Sunday School Class, Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:00.—Young People's Meeting: Addresses, Revs. Wettach, Milier and Faust.

8:00—Synodical Missionary Meeting, D. B. Shuey, Chairman. Address, "Foreign Missions," Rev. W. E. Hoy; "Home Missions," Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

In other Churches:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Morning—Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

" " " Evening—Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D.

First Presbyterian Church, Morning—Rev. H. S. Gekeler.

" " " Evening—Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.

Methodist Church, Morning—Rev. E. D. Wettach.

" " " Evening—Rev. D. H. Fouse.

United Brethren Church, Morning—Rev. L. S. Faust.

" " " Evening—Rev. D. F. Boomershine.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. DECHANT,

EDMUND ERB,

D. P. WAGNER.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Your committee has carefully examined the Minutes of Synod held in Hiawatha, Kansas, and we find the following items claiming the attention of Synod at this meeting.

Item 1, page 8. Christmas offerings are to be devoted to the Orphans' Cause.

Item 2, pages 9 and 10. The Stated Clerk was instructed to send out to the various charges all necessary blanks to gather statistics of Congregations and Sunday Schools.

Item 3, page 23. The Stated Clerk was requested to prepare and publish a summary of the report of the General Board of Missions.

Item 4, page 23. The Chicago Mission was commended to the liberality of our Synod for special offerings.

Item 5, page 23. Special self-denial offerings during the Lenten season, to be equally divided between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards were recommended.

Item 6, page 23. The Missionary Guardian and the Woman's Journal were commended to the patronage of our people.

Item 7, page 23. Sunday Schools are urged to make monthly or at least quarterly offerings for missions.

Item 8, page 44. Apportionments upon the different classes.

Item 9, page 50. Special committee on the Keefer proposition was appointed, Revs. Shuey, Love and Gekeler.

Item 10, page 54. The observance of Children's Day and offerings for the Sunday School cause are recommended.

Item 11, page 55. Members of the various Boards whose term expires with this meeting: Missions, Rev. A. Casselman; Beneficiary Education, Rev. D. B. Shuey; Orphans' Homes, Rev. D. N. Frantz; Sunday Schools, Rev. G. W. Remagen; Trustee of Synod, Rev. J. Sechler; Trustees of Wichita, University, Rev. D. B. Shuey, Rev. A. Casselman and Wilbur B. Jones.

Item 12, page 57. Pastors and Consistories are urged to secure large subscription lists for the Reformed Church Herald.

Item 13, page 57. Editor-in-Chief and associate editors of the Herald to be elected.

Item 14, page 58. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1200 copies of the Minutes printed, and to include the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Item 15, page 59. Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Kansas, was chosen as the place for next meeting and Wednesday evening Oct. 23, A. D., 1895, at 7:30 o'clock as the time.

Item 16, page 60. The Society of Relief of Ministers and their Widows is commended to the congregations and annual offerings are requested.

Item 17, page 60. Classes are requested to endow one of their number a life member of said society.

Item 18, page 61. Special Committee consisting of Revs. Shuey, Love and Stauffer to investigate the arrearage of Kansas Classis to the Contingent Fund, was appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,
F. C. BAUMAN,
A. F. MYERS.

The action of Synod on this report is as follows: Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16 and 17 were adopted. Item 1 was adopted and the former action reiterated. Item 2 adopted and bill of expenses referred to the Finance Committee; see Miscellaneous for report. Item 3 the Stated Clerk reported that he had attended to the instructions of Synod, and the item was therefore adopted. Item 4 was adopted and the Chicago Mission was commended to the continued liberality of our people in this Synod. Pledges amounting to \$89.50 for the Chicago Chapel were at once made on the floor of Synod; see Miscellaneous. Items 9 and 18 Special Committee reports adopted; see Miscellaneous. Item 10 was adopted and the recommendation was reiterated, and the attention of Classes is hereby called to it. Item 11 referred to the Committee on Nominations. Item 13, new editors elected; see Publications. Item 14, Stated Clerk's report adopted and an order for 95 cents balance was ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer; for report see Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee having carefully examined the Minutes of the different Classes, find the following items for your consideration:

IRREGULARITIES.

1. Lincoln Classis, instead of meeting at Imogene, Iowa, to which place it had adjourned, met at Lincoln, Nebraska, without a previous session to change the place of meeting.

REFERRED TO CLASSES.

2. None of the Classes could see their way clear to take any action upon the matter referred to them concerning the payment of the expenses of the delegates to Synod.

3. The apportionments were assumed by the different

Classis. Iowa Classis assumed the amounts apportioned for the different objects, but did not assume a per capita apportioned upon the basis of the present years membership.

REQUESTS.

4. Kansas Classis overtures Synod to contribute out of its Contingent Fund a sum equal to one cent per member for the Synod to support Harbor Missions.

5. Wichita Classis overtures Synod that statistics of individual congregations be published separately.

6. Wichita Classis requests the privilege of ordaining Licentiate G. F. Mathes by its committee at some meeting in connection with the sessions of Synod.

7. Lincoln Classis overtures Synod to ratify a meeting of Classis without a quorum.

RECEPTIONS, DISMISSALS AND ORDINATIONS.

8. Illinois Classis received Licentiate C. F. Althouse from Tobickon Classis, Eastern Synod and ordained him. Received Rev. L. J. Mayer from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod. Ordained Licentiate H. C. Blosser.

9. Iowa Classis received Rev. L. P. Krome from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

10. Kansas Classis received Rev. A. W. Lewish from the Presbytery of Chicago; Rev. F. H. Fisher from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. S. A. Alt from Wichita Classis. Dismissed Rev. John Biery to Missouri Classis, Synod of the Northwest; Rev. A. S. Dechant to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. J. A. Novinger to Palmyra Presbytery in Missouri, and Rev. D. A. Winter to Lincoln Classis.

11. Wichita Classis received Licentiate Geo. F. Mathes from the St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod, and dismissed Rev. S. A. Alt to Kansas Classis.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

12. Illinois Classis meets in Shiloh Reformed Church, Harlem, Illinois, May 13, 1896, 7:45 p. m. Rev. S. P. Har-

rington, President, Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Stated Clerk, Rev. Joseph Sechler, Treasurer.

13. Iowa Classis meets at Maquoketa, Iowa, May 13, 1896, at 8 p. m. Rev. D. F. Boomershine, President, Rev. D. H. Fouse, Stated Clerk, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D. Treasurer.

14. Kansas Classis meets at St. Joseph, Missouri, April 22, 1896, 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. S. Dechant, President, Rev. G. W. Remagen, Stated Clerk, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D. Treasurer.

15. Wichita Classis meets in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Emporia, Kansas, Thursday, April 30, 1896, 8:00 p. m. Rev. L. S. Faust, President, Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

16. Lincoln Classis meets in Zion Reformed Church, Richardson County, Nebraska Thursday, May 7, 1896, 8:00 p. m. Rev. J. F. Butler President, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. FORSE,
C. F. ALTHOUSE,
A. L. RAUCH.

Synod disposed of this Report by Items as follows:

Items 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 adopted. Item 3 was adopted and on motion the Classes are requested to apportion upon the charges the amounts sent down from the Synod, irrespective of what the per capita might be. Item 4, the overture of Kansas Classis was not granted. Synod instead requested the Finance Committee to apportion one cent per member upon the different Classes for Harbor Missions. Item 5 referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Shuey, Gekeler and Elder Royer; see Miscellaneous for their report. Item 6, the request of Wichita Classis was granted. In connection with the Preparatory Services Saturday afternoon was chosen as the time for the ordination to take place. At that time, a committee of Wichita Classis, consisting of Revs. Shuey, Casselman and Griffith, solemnly ordained Licentiate George F. Mathes to the Gospel Ministry. Item 7 adopted and the Acts and Proceedings of Lincoln Classis were ratified.

ARTICLE X

OVERTURES.

Report of the Committee on Overtures.

To the Reverened Synod of the Interior:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following items and documents have fallen into your Committee's hands, claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1. Revs. J. W. Alspach, J. F. Butler, H. Shumaker, D. N. Frantz, Joseph Sechler, H. C. Blosser, Parley E. Zartman, Elders H. Mowery, Joseph Stauffer, Wm. Glasser, J. F. Brown, J. Sonnedecker, Phares P. Scheib, John Bell, Simon Hersch and Conrad Bowers ask the Synod to excuse them for non-attendance at its present sessions.

Item 2. Are two communications of their action from Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions. (a) In regard to the action of the Board, on an overture from this Synod. (b) Calling the attention of Synod to the expiration of Rev. D. B. Shuey's term of office as Superintendent of Missions.

Item 3. (a) Is a Report of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod. (b) Is a booklet, "A Series of Supplemental Lessons for Primary and Junior Departments of Sunday Schools."

Item 4. Is an annual statement of the finances of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, etc.

Item 5. Is the Report of Prof. H. L. Beam, President College of Northern Illinois, and also the Prospectus for 1895-6, which show commendable progress in the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON,

S. SHAW,

C. BARTEN.

Synod disposed of this Report as follows:

Item 1 adopted and Synod granted the excuses requested. Item 2 (a) adopted, (b) first laid on the table, then referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 3 referred to the Com-

mittee on Sunday Schools. Item 4 referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Love, Shaw and Elder Rauch; for their Report see Miscellaneous. Item 5 referred to the Committee on Education.

ARTICLE XL.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In presenting this Ninth Annual Report on the State of Religion within the territory of this Synod relating to the practical efficiency of our peculiar Reformed Church life among the people we serve in the Lord, we feel first of all, our gratitude to Almighty God for the many and rich spiritual blessings bestowed upon us and our work, and for the wonderful manifestations of His divine love for us.

Again it is our blessed privilege to greet each other once more in the Annual Sessions of this body. The year just closed has been one of peculiar conditions, with corresponding and withal, profitable lessons. The opening year will bring forth its own advantages and disadvantages for our work.

The reports from the Classes give a faithful resume of the work done for the kingdom of Christ. It seems to us that there is a marked emphasis of spiritual growth and efficiency indicated in all the reports. Surely our Lord has verified unto us in our work with true effect His blessed promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Sacraments have been duly and regularly administered, the people enjoying the outflowing blessings promised of God in their use.

Catechization, family visitation, and other special phases of Christian life and work have been attended to in a faithful manner, with corresponding results in which we now rejoice.

The Sunday School work has certainly improved as statistics show. The work is growing on our hands. New lines of efficiency are developing and engaging the activity of the Church life.

The reports bear the impress of an efficient and diligent ministry in this work of the Lord in our midst. There are still greater things to be accomplished than in the past, for the Reformed Church in the United States, our Synodical territory and the open gateways therein, constitute the most promising vantage ground compared with that of the other Synods. It behoves us to press onward and not falter in declaring the birth of Christ's gospel to a dying world. We are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ as we understand it.

Two new Churches have been completed and dedicated to the Lord, free of incumbrance. One new congregation has been organized. Old Churches have been repaired and otherwise beautified.

R. L. C. E. have been organized, as well as the older organizations comparatively well sustained. The use of our own Sunday School Lesson Helps prevails. The subscription list of our Church papers has increased from 668 copies reported last year, to 1053 copies at the last Annual Meeting of the Classes. While the benevolent contributions have dropped \$655.11 less than last year, the congregational expenses received an increase of contributions of \$5,644.30 over last year. From these figures we learn that notwithstanding the depressed financial condition of the times, some considerable material progress has been made during the year.

It is with sadness, yet with deepest Christian sympathy we record the death of Mrs. T. F. Stauffer, the efficient helpmate of the Missionary at Lincoln, Nebraska; Rev. O. E. Lake, of Holton, Kansas, pastor of the Holton Mission, and the beloved daughter of Rev. J. C. Beade, pastor of the Mission at Wilton, Iowa, also Carl Shuey, son of Supt. D. B. Shuey, of Emporia, Kansas. These have been called from their labors to that eternal rest prepared for them by Him who said to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you." These bereaved fam-

ilies we commend to God, who alone bindeth up the wounded hearts.

And now, brethren, what more can we say to you? Surely God has blessed us abundantly, yea, more than we deserve. Let us enter upon the now beginning year with earnest zeal and prayerfulness. Many changes will be rung in upon us ere we meet again, but in the end, our labors done, we will find our loved ones gone before.

Grace be unto to you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the Seven Spirits which are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father: to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Rev. 1: 4-6.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER,

F. H. FISHER,

A. F. MEYERS.

This Report was adopted. For statistics see Appendix.

ARTICLE XII.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Board of the Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board is not unmindful of the importance of most careful and faithful management of our Missionary operations within the bounds of this Synod. But while we are deeply conscious of the gravity of the situation our functions are so peculiarly limited that we can share only in a very small degree the responsibility of the work. It will be remembered that we are only an advisory body with no one especially responsible to us and hence seldom any one to advise.

We have, however, endeavored as far as possible to keep an eye upon the work and offer such suggestions as in our judgment seemed applicable. The expense incurred in convening the Board apart from the meetings of Synod is so great that the members of the Board are not able to bear it, neither do we feel justified in making expense for Synod to bear without being so instructed. We believe, however, that much better work might be done if Synod would make provision for the convening of an Executive Committee of the Board at least twice during the year with whom the Supt. could confer. We are more than ever convinced of the need of additional evangelistic work in our territory and we are upheld in this by the concurrent opinion of eminent men of the Church in the East.

The question of superintendency is one that has caused us a great amount of anxious thought and prayer, but we have finally decided unanimously to recommend the following:

Whereas: From various sources of information as well as from a knowledge of the imperative necessity of a more active and progressive policy in the interest of our Church work in the West and

Whereas: It is our solemn conviction that the time is at hand when a change in our plans be made. Therefore,

Resolved: That the office of Superintendent of Missions in the bounds of the Synod of the Interior be discontinued, as such, and that the duties of said superintendency be performed by the General Superintendent and the Executive Committee of this Board, the actual expenses only of this Committee to be paid by the General Board.

Resolved: That the General Board be overtured to commission one or more Synodical Evangelists to labor under the direction of the General Superintendent and the Executive Committee of the Board of this Synod, and whose duties shall be to go into places where there is apparent need and room for additional Church work, conduct gospel services, gather available material into organizations, care for the same till other provision can be made for them, and also to assist pastors in such work where it is desired.

Tipton, Iowa, makes a request for financial aid and we recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the General Board.

We recommend that the sums asked by the General Board for Home Missions, Hungarian Missions, and Church Extension be apportioned upon the several Classes.

The report of the Treasurer of this Board has been audited and found correct and it is herewith submitted as a part of this report.

For a brief account of the condition of the several Missions within our territory we refer you to the report of Supt. Shuey, which has been received and approved and is submitted as a part of this report.

It is with a sense of sorrow that this board has learned of the recent and unexpected affliction that has befallen our esteemed Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. D. B. Shuey, in the death of his little son. In view of this dispensation of Divine Providence we extend to him and his family our kindest feelings of Christian sympathy in this hour of their sad bereavement, praying that they may realize that God even in His afflictive providence "Doeth all things well."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

A. CASSELMAN, President.

Report of the Superintendent of Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—There have been 29 Missions in the bounds of this Synod, under the care of the General Board, during the past year.

The Abilene Mission has had a trying time. Failure of crops induced many of the members to move to other places, for a time at least, and the Mission lost in this way some 30 members. Nevertheless the membership is well kept up and the Church building has been handsomely repaired. The Mission will become vacant December 1st on account of the resignation of the Missionary, Rev. A. S. Dechant.

Altamont is undertaking to make much needed repairs to its Church building. The Shelby county interest should be constituted a separate Mission for efficient work.

Anna has been vacant since April 1st and should have a minister without delay.

Astoria is making slow but sure progress. They repaired the Astoria Church building.

Cheney has now a resident pastor and is making steady progress.

Chicago is making every effort to begin the erection of their much needed Chapel on the lots purchased by the General Board. The Synod of the Interior has not contributed to this worthy object what was expected. The amount asked, \$200, is a small sum and should have been contributed promptly.

Columbus Junction is making excellent progress and will soon be self supporting.

Denver has had many difficulties and the German-English work there has proved a failure. Missionary Winter has resigned the field and the Board has arranged to organize an English Mission.

Edinburg has done a good work, in erecting a fine Church building which was dedicated last winter, free of debt. A Sunday School was organized the following Sunday and the prospects for growth are good.

Fairview became self-supporting April 1st. They are doing an excellent work.

Hiawatha has labored under discouraging circumstances. A number of its prominent members were removed by death. Rev. Novinger resigned but Rev. F. H. Fisher has taken up the work, and we hope the Mission will prosper better.

Holton lost its Missionary in the death of Rev. O. E. Lake and they were without services for some months. Rev. S. A. Alt took charge of the Mission Sept. 1.

Imogene did a good thing in moving their church building into town, it having previously had the unfortunate location of being three quarters of a mile out of town.

Iola is making steady progress and is in a healthy condition.

Kansas City has taken action in seeking a better location for its Mission. They have sold their residence and lot of 23½ feet front for \$2,000 and purchased a lot of 50 feet front in a more desirable location, for \$1,000. This lot contains two buildings and the rents received pay the interests on the investments.

Leighton organized a new congregation and erected a new church building, thus strengthening the charge.

Lincoln is looking toward securing a better house of worship.

Lisbon has had a change of pastors, Rev. D. M. Jones resigning and Rev. Louis P. Krome becoming the pastor.

Lyons suffered greatly by being vacant most of the year. Licentiate Geo. F. Mathes has now taken charge of the Mission.

Maquoketa is preparing to organize a congregation in town and the General Board has appropriated \$500 towards the purchase of a lot for their Mission.

Sioux City has made but little progress and the pastor, Rev. P. E. Zartman, resigned and Rev. D. A. Winter will take charge of the work now.

Stonington has secured for itself the whole title of their parsonage of which they had been but half owners. Their work is making good progress.

St. Joseph has probably not made the progress that was looked for, but the pastor was overloaded with work by being the editor and manager of the Reformed Church Herald.

Wichita has repaired its church building and introduced electric lights which were much needed improvements.

Wilton Junction feels the need of a better location for its church building, it being now at the extreme west end of town. We hope they may be able to remove their church building to a more central place.

Emporia, Otis and Ransom have been supplied by the Superintendent. Otis is declining while the other two are growing. A Sunday School was organized at Ransom and a Ladies' Aid Society at Emporia.

Mch.	4.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler treas.	18	18
	23.	" " " "	4	00
April	15.	" " " "	13	00
	22.	" " " "	16	10
	27.	" " " "	18	85
May	15.	" " " "	11	58
June	17.	" " " "	13	37
	24.	" " " "	33	71
July	11.	" " " "	31	64
	25.	" " " "	25	00
Aug.	9.	" " " "	10	00
	20.	" " " "	18	60
Sept.	9.	" " " "	12	25
	25.	" " " "	24	80
Oct.	9.	" " " "	10	00
	10.	" " " "	10	43
			\$ 411 17	
1895.				
April	22.	Iowa Classis, per D. S. Fouse, Treas.	\$	46 47
	"	" " " "		209 81
May	16.	" " " "		129 64
Sept.	2.	" " " "		121 79
Oct.	10.	" " " "		82 17
			\$ 589 88	
1894.				
Oct.	15.	Kansas Classis, per J. W. Love, Treas.	\$	45 33
1895.				
Oct.	10.	" " " "		
Reported by receipts from Treas. of Synod			239	05
			\$ 284 38	
1894.				
Oct.	15.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, Tr.	\$	2 35
	30.	" " " "		50
	"	" " " for		
Chicago.....			1	00
Dec.	24.	per D. B. Shuey, Treas.	5	00
	28.	" " " "	39	69
1895.				
Jany.	31.	" " " "	8	12
	"	" " " "	3	06
April	15.	" " " "	6	70
	"	" " " "	4	00
May	8.	" " " "	13	24
	9.	" " " "	7	22

15.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, Tr.	31 76	
Oct. 8.	" " Chicago Mis.	5 00	
18.	" " Tr.	16 25	
"	" " "	6 50	
			\$ 150 69
1895.			
Jan. 31.	Lincoln Classis, per T. F. Stauffer, Tr.	7 32	
April 16.	" " "	27 61	
			\$ 34 93
Total.....		1558 00	

1894.	CR.		
Oct. 15.	By cash for postage etc.	50	
Nov. 10.	To J. T. Reber, treasurer.	69 63	
Dec. 27.	" " "	22 00	
" 28.	" " "	39 69	
1895.			
Jan. 5.	" " "	36 91	
" 10.	" " "	37 22	
" 22.	" " "	118 13	
" 31.	" " "	7 32	
April 18.	" " "	17 61	
" 22.	" D. S. Fouse, Supt.	46 47	
" "	" Reber per Fouse	209 81	
May 3.	" J. T. Reber tr.	99 18	
" 16.	" Reber per Fouse	129 64	
" 17.	" J. T. Reber tr.	49 40	
July 20.	" " "	93 12	
Sept. 2.	" Reber per Fouse	121 79	
" 2.	" " for post. and ex.	1 00	
Oct. 7.	" J. T. Reber tr.	86 35	
" 8.	" J. M. Kendig Chi. Mis.	6 00	
" 10.	" Reber per Fouse	82 17	
" "	Per receipts of J. W. Love, Treasurer of Kansas Classis.	239 95	
			\$ 1512 99
<i>Balance in Treasury</i>			45 01
Total.....		\$ 1558 00	

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1894.	DR.	
Oct. 10.	To balance in Treasury	\$ 1 30

1895.				
Jan'y.	2.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, treas	5	44
"	19.	" " " "	9	84
Feb.	23.	" " " "	21	16
April	22.	" " " "	1	38
"	27.	" " " "	4	56
May	13.	" " " "	6	96
June	24.	" " " "	33	71
Oct.	9.	" " " "		65
				83 70
1895.				
April	22.	Iowa Classis, per D. S. Fouse, Treas.	\$	20 92
May	27.	" " " "		27 08
				48 00
1895.				
Oct.	10.	Kansas Classis, by J. W. Love, Treas.	\$	48 28
				48 28
1894.				
Oct.	15.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, Tr.	\$	1 44
1895.				
May	9.	" " " "		2 22
"	15.	" " " "		14 72
June	24.	" " " "		1 44
July	8.	" " " "		5 12
				24 94
Total.....				206 22
1895.				CR.
March	12.	By cash to J. L. Lemberger, Treas	\$	8 42
"	29.	" " " "		29 01
April	22.	" " per Fouse.		20 92
May	17.	" " Treas		23 74
July	6.	" " " "		67 42
"		for postage, etc.....		25
Oct.	10.	Disbursed by J. W. Love, Tr. Kas. Cl.		48 28
				198 04
<i>Balance in Treasury.....</i>				<i>8 18</i>
Total.....				206 22

HUNGARIAN FUND.

1894.				DR.
Oct.	10.	To balance in Treasury.....	\$	1 05

1895.					
Jan.	2.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, Treas.	2	31	
"	19.	" " " "	3	69	
April	22.	" " " "	4	26	
"	27.	" " " "	3	57	
May	13.	" " " "	1	25	
June	16.	" " " "	4	26	
				\$	19 34
1895.					
April	22.	Iowa Classis, per D. S. Fouse, Treas.	16	00	
Sept.	2.	" " " "	7	85	
				\$	23 85
1895.					
Oct.	10.	Kansas Classis, per J. W. Love, Tr.	16	92	
				\$	16 92
1894.					
Oct.	15.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, Tr.	3	42	
1895.					
May	15.	" " " "	2	10	
June	24.	" " " "	1	17	
July	8.	" " " "	1	92	
					8 61
Total.....				\$	69 77
1895.		CR.			
April	18.	By cash to J. T. Reber, Treasurer	10	47	
"	22.	" " per Fouse	16	00	
"	27.	" " Treasurer	2	80	
May	17.	" " " "	8	38	
July	20.	" " " "	6	35	
Sept.	2.	" " per Fouse	7	85	
Oct.	10.	Disbursed through various channels by J. W. Love, Treasurer Kansas Classis	16	92	
				\$	68 77
<i>Balance in Treasury.....</i>					<i>1 00</i>
Total.....				\$	69 77

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

1894.		DR.			
Oct.	10.	To balance in Treasury.....	\$	2	55
1895.					
Jan.	19.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, Treas.	6	15	

March 4.	Illinois Classis, per J. Sechler, Treas.....	5 00	
" 23.	" " "	3 85	
April 15.	" " "	5 00	
" 22.	" " "	2 00	
May 13.	" " "	2 25	
July 25.	" " "	5 00	
		\$	29 25
1895.			
April 22.	Iowa Classis, per D. S. Fouse, Treas....\$	21 55	
		\$	21 25
1895.			
Oct. 10.	Kansas Classis, reported by J. W. Love, Treasurer Kansas Classis.....\$	32 85	
		\$	32 85
1895.			
May 8.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, Treas..\$	3 20	
" 15.	" " "	9 20	
June 24.	" " "	1 98	
		\$	14 38
Total.....		\$	100 58
1895.	CR.		
April 16.	By cash to D. S. Fouse, Supt.....\$	18 00	
" 22.	" " "	21 55	
Aug. 21.	" " "	18 60	
Oct. 21.	" " "	9 05	
	Disbursed by J. W. Love, Tr. Kas. Cl. .	32 85	
		\$	100 05
	<i>Balance in Treasury</i>		53
Total.....		\$	100 58

Summary.

HOME MISSIONS.

1894.			
Oct. 10.	Balance in Treasury.....	\$	86 95
	Illinois Classis.....	411 17	
	Iowa "	589 88	
	Kansas "	284 38	
	Wichita "	150 69	
	Lincoln "	34 92	

1895.		
Oct. 21.	Total receipts to date	1,471 95
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		\$ 1,558 00
1895.	CR.	
Oct. 21.	Disbursements to date	\$ 1,512 99
	<i>Balance in Treasury</i>	45 01
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Total	\$ 1,558 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1894.	DR	
Oct. 10.	Balance in Treasury	\$ 1 30
	Illinois Classis	83 70
	Iowa "	48 00
	Kansas "	48 28
	Wichita "	24 94
	Lincoln "	
1895.		
Oct. 21.	Total receipts to date	\$ 204 92
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Total	\$ 206 22
1895.	CR.	
Oct. 21.	Disbursements to date	198 04
	<i>Balance in Treasury</i>	8 18
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Total	\$ 206 22

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

1894.	DR.	
Oct. 10.	Balance in Treasury	\$ 1 05
	Illinois Classis	19 34
	Iowa "	23 85
	Kansas "	16 92
	Wichita "	8 61
	Lincoln "	
1895.		
Oct. 21.	Total receipts to date	\$ 68 72
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Total	\$ 69 77
1895.	CR.	
Oct. 21.	Disbursements to date	68 77
	<i>Balance in Treasury</i>	1 00
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Total	\$ 69 77

CHURCH EXTENSION.

1894.	Dr.		
Oct. 10.	Balance in Treasury	\$	2 55
	Illinois Classis	29	25
	Iowa "	21	55
	Kansas "	32	85
	Wichita "	11	38
	Lincoln "		

1895.			
Oct. 21.	Total receipts to date		98 03
	Total	\$	100 58

1895.	Cr.		
Oct. 21.	Disbursements to date		100 05
	<i>Balance in Treasury</i>		53
	Total	\$	100 58

FOR ALL PURPOSES.

1894.			
Oct. 10.	Cash in Treasury	91	85
	Total receipts	1,842	72
	Total	\$	1,934 57

1895.	Cr.		
Oct. 21.	Total Disbursements	1,879	85
	<i>Balance in Treasury</i>	54	72
	Total	\$	1,934 57

ARREARAGES.

	HOME MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	CHURCH EXTENSION.	HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.
Illinois Classis	\$ 27 72	\$ 18 66*	\$ 19 53	\$ 9 12
Iowa "	161 11*	16 72	16 99	4 47
Kansas "	74 96	5 96	7 83	6 81
Wichita "	43 24	4 34	6 58	4 20
Lincoln "	51 99	13 12	9 84	5 74

*Overpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN, Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Missions would offer the following as their report:

The reports of the General Superintendent, of this Synod's Superintendent, and of our Board referred to us, show that, notwithstanding the severe monetary stringency of the times, the Mission work of the church is being carried forward with increased activity and success.

The importance of this cause in denominational development and in soul-saving is so generally admitted as not to call for any restatement of its claim upon the benevolence of our people. We therefore confine ourselves to a few recommendations in the way of carrying our convictions into practical effect. We recommend

1. That all apportionments upon our Classes, suggested by our own, and the General Synod's Board, be accepted.

2. That Synod proceed as usual to nominate one or more candidates for Synodical Superintendent.

3. That the Board be authorized to appoint an Executive Committee to meet once or twice between meetings of Synod to consider and act upon questions requiring immediate attention, and the traveling expenses of such meeting or meetings be paid out of the Missionary funds of the Synod.

4. That we are rejoiced to find many of our people have made special self-denial offerings during the lenten season of last year, and we commend the making of such offerings during the same season of each church year, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

5. That our Classes urge upon Pastors, Consistories and Missionary Societies to secure the largest circulation possible for the Missionary Guardian.

6. That we congratulate our Womens' Missionary Societies upon their self sacrifice and devotion, in the large things they are doing to help forward our Home and Foreign Missionary work.

7. That our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies be urged by Pastors and Consistories to contribute quarterly to aid the congregations in paying their Missionary and other apportionments, in connection with doing their part towards the support of our Christian Endeavor Missionary in Japan.

8. That we call attention of our Classes to the urgent necessity of seeing that the Church Extension apportionment be raised, that the General Board may meet its obligations for monies already borrowed.

9. That we proceed to elect a nominee for the Superintendency by ballot. If no one receives a majority of the vote of the Synod, a second vote shall be taken between the two candidates receiving the largest vote on first ballot.

10. That this Synod take a \$500.00 share in the building of the Chicago Mission edifice, the amount already paid to this object by our charges to be considered as applying on this fund.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

11. Though no communication has come to us from the Board of Foreign Missions, yet our interest in the Cause is such as to prompt us to prayerfully commend it to the increased liberality of our people.

12. That this Synod most heartily welcomes among us Rev. W. E. Hoy as the representative of our Missionary work in Japan, and that we have heard with great pleasure and thankfulness to God, of the large success of the Mission in that prominent field of our Missionary operations.

J. W. LOVE,
FRED ISELY.

This Report was taken up by items and each item adopted and the Report as a whole was then adopted.

The nomination of a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Missions for this Synod was made the order of the day for Monday afternoon, immediately after the opening of Synod.

At the appointed time Synod voted in accordance with Item 9, of the Report of the Committee on Missions, Revs. Shaw and Alt acting as tellers.

The Report of the tellers showed that no one had a majority of votes on first ballot. A second ballot was then taken on the two having received the highest number of votes, Revs. Dechant and Shuey, resulting in the nomination of Rev. A. S. Dechant.

ARTICLE XIII.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We herewith submit our Report as Treasurer of Synod:

CONTINGENT FUND.

1894.		DR.	
Oct.	15.	Balance from A. Casselman, Treas.	\$ 128 37
Nov.	9.	Iowa Classis, D. S. Fouse, Treas. in full	40 35
"	10.	Kansas " J. W. Love, "	10 00
1895.			
Apr.	13.	Illinois " Jos. Sechler, " in full..	40 65
May	6.	Kansas " J. W. Love, "	2 77
"	10.	" " J. W. Love, "	2 15
"	27.	Wichita Classis, D. B. Shuey, " in full..	18 30
June	15.	Kansas " J. W. Love, " in full..	18 98
Oct.	20.	Lincoln " from Lincoln Mission.....	6 00
Total			\$ 267 57
1894.		CR.	
Oct.	15.	Use of church at Hiawatha.....	\$ 5 00
1895.			
Jan.	27.	Printing Minutes D. B. Shuey.....	\$ 69 80
May	27.	Salary Stated Clerk, D. B. Shuey.....	50 00
1894.			
Oct.	20.	Balance in hand.....	142 77
Total.....			\$ 267 57

ORPHANS' HOME.

1895.		DR.	
Jan.	1.	J. W. Love, Kansas Classis.....	\$ 7 00

June 8.	A. Casselman.....	4 00	
1894.			
Oct. 15.	Balance from A. Casselman.....	1 00	
	Total.....	\$	12 00
1895.	CR.		
Jan. 8.	B. Wolf, St. Paul Orphans' Home.....	\$ 7 00	
June 17.	" " " " " "	4 00	
Oct. 15.	" " " " " "	1 00	
	Total.....	\$	12 00

WICHITA UNIVERSITY FUND.

1895.	DR.		
Oct. 15.	Balance from former treasurer.....	\$ 31 54	
	Total.....	\$	31 54
1895.	CR.		
Oct. 20.	<i>Balance in Hand</i>		31 54
	Total.....	\$	31 54

HOME MISSION FUND.

1894.	DR.		
Nov. 10.	Kansas Classis, J. W. Love, Treas.....	\$ 30 27	
" "	" " " " " "	25 00	
1895.			
Jan. 1.	" " " " " "	11 52	
" 8.	" " " " " "	9 53	
April 1.	" " " " " "	9 57	
May 6.	" " " " " "	13 93	
" "	Receipts to Remagen.....	13 25	
" "	per receipts.....	10 00	
May 10.	Kansas Classis, J. W. Love, Treas.....	4 05	
July 15.	" " " " " "	20 00	
" 24.	" " " " " "	22 35	
	Total.....	\$	169 47
1894.	CR.		
Nov. 19.	J. T. Reber, Treas.....	\$ 55 27	
1895.			
Jan. 18.	" " " " " "	21 05	

April	9.	"	"	"	9 57
May	6.	"	"	by receipt to Remagen.....	13 25
"	"	"	"	" " Woman's Miss. Society	10 00
"	"	"	"	" Treas.....	13 93
"	25.	"	"	"	4 05
July	13.	"	"	"	20 00
Sept.	7.	"	"	"	22 35
Total.....					\$ 169 47

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1895.		DR.			
May	6.	By receipts Mrs. D. S. Fouse.....	\$	5 00	
"	"	Kansas Classis, J. W. Love, Treas.....		10 94	
"	10.	" " " "		18 82	
June	15.	" " " "		18 52	
April	1.	Kansas City, J. W. Love, C. E. Japan fund		5 00	
Total.....					\$ 58 28
1895.		CR.			
April	5.	Japan C. E. fund, J. L. Lemberger, Tr...\$	5 00		
May	6.	By receipts Mrs. Sade A. Fouse, "....	5 00		
"	"	J. L. Lemberger, Tr.....	10 94		
"	28.	" " " "	18 82		
June	17.	" " " "	18 52		
Total.....					\$ 58 28

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

1895.		DR.			
April	1.	Kansas Classis, per J. W. Love, Treas....	\$	1 50	
May	6.	" " " "		1 11	
"	10.	" " " "		4 86	
June	15.	" " " "		9 45	
Total.....					\$ 16 92
1895.		CR			
April	9.	J. T. Reber, Treas.....	\$	1 50	
May	6.	" " " "		1 11	
"	28.	" " " "		4 86	

June 17.	J. T. Reber, Treas.....	9 45	
	Total.....	\$	16 92

CHURCH EXTENSION.

1895.		DR.		
May 6.	Kansas Classis, J. W. Love, Treas.....	\$	1 85	
" 10.	" " " " "		8 10	
June 15.	" " " " "		8 25	
July 10.	" " " " "		10 00	
	Total.....	\$	28 20	
1895.		CR.		
May 11.	C. M. Boush, Tr.....	\$	1 85	
" 31.	" " "		8 10	
June 20.	" " "		8 25	
Oct 20.	<i>Balance in Hand</i>		10 00	
	Total.....	\$	28 20	

MISCELLANEOUS MISSION ITEMS.

1895.		DR.		
Jan. 8.	Kansas Classis, J. W. Love Treas.....	\$	4 65	
April 1.	" " Harbor Mission.....		1 00	
May 6.	" " Society Relief of Ministers		5 00	
" 10.	" " C. E. Building fund.....		3 00	
1894.				
Oct "	Balance to Sunday School Board.....		4 05	
	Total.....	\$	17 70	
1895.		CR.		
Jan. 24.	Chicago Mission, J. M. Kendig, Tr.....	\$	4 65	
April 13.	Harbor Mission, J. T. Reber, Tr.....		1 00	
May 8.	S. R. M. and W. S. S. Miller, "		5 00	
" 30.	C. E. Building F. J. B. Henry.....		3 00	
Oct. 16.	Gen. S. School Board, Bernberger, Tr....		4 05	
	Total.....	\$	17 70	

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. FOLSE.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Finance for auditing.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Finance would report that the Report of the Treasurer of Synod was referred to them, also an item from the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod containing a bill due Brother Shuey.

The following amounts were referred to us for apportionment:

For Home Missions, \$1,500.00; Hungarian Missions, \$90.00; Foreign Missions, 8 cents per member; Harbor Missions, 1 cent per member; Church Extension, 6 cents per member; Contingent Expenses, 5 cents per member; Beneficiary Education, 5 cents per member.

We would report that we have examined the Report of the Treasurer of Synod and found the same correct.

We recommend that the bill of Rev. D. B. Shuey be allowed and an order be drawn on the Treasurer of Synod for the amount.

We recommend the following apportionments upon the several Classes:

CLASSES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Contingent Fund.	Church Herald.
Illinois.....	\$ 413 60	\$ 64 80	\$ 48 70	\$24 65	\$ 8 15	\$ 40 55	\$ 40 55	\$ 38 00
Iowa.....	450 85	70 75	53 05	26 85	8 85	14 20	44 20	42 00
Kansas.....	332 00	52 20	39 00	19 80	6 50	32 55	32 55	25 00
Wichita.....	199 40	31 30	23 45	11 90	3 90	19 55	19 55	12 00
Lincoln.....	116 00	18 50	13 75	6 95	2 50	11 45	11 45	8 00
Total.....	\$1511 85	\$ 237 35	\$ 177 95	\$90 15	\$29 70	\$ 148 30	\$ 148 30	\$ 125 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN,
E. T. MATHES,
D. F. BOOMERSHINE.

This Report was adopted.

The Synod passed the following resolutions under the subject of Finance. Resolved, That all contributions for the va-

rious boards, shall be forwarded to the Treasurers of Classes and by them forwarded to the Treasurer of Synod, who is to disburse them to the various objects for which the contributions have been made.

Resolved, That the different Classes are hereby requested to instruct their Treasurers to publish at least quarterly in the Reformed Church Herald an itemized statement of all contributions for benevolence.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The only property held by this Synod is the Otis Parsonage. A year ago there was in this fund accumulated from rents.....\$ 100 27
Received for 12 months rent..... 48 00
“ “ interest on funds loaned..... 6 79

Total.....\$ 155 06

Paid for 1 years water rent\$ 2 04

“ “ insurance for 5 years..... 12 50

14 54

Balance on hand including loans.....\$ 140 52

The Report of the Treasurer was audited and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XIV

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board has held a number of important meetings during the past year. We are constrained to

report that we can see no way under present circumstances to continue the school, and we have about come to the conclusion to wind up its affairs, unless the prospects will soon become brighter.

A small private school has been conducted during the past year by Rev. A. S. Vaughan, D. D., but he has abandoned the project, and no school will be conducted the coming year. This private school has been a detriment to the building. A year ago the building had been thoroughly cleaned and repaired, but now it is in a worse condition than it was before the repairs were made. The locks of all the doors had been repaired and all the keys turned over to Dr. Vaughan. Some time afterward it was noticed that some of the doors were open and some valuable scientific apparatus and specimens were missing. When the Chairman of the Building Committee demanded the keys of Dr. Vaughan to lock the doors again, he replied, his children had lost them. Some of the perpetrators of the thefts were discovered and some of the instruments returned, but one valuable and important electrical instrument is still missing.

The Board has not been able to obtain any of the funds, amounting to more than \$2,500, which were in the State National Bank of Wichita at the time of its failure. We have brought suit against the Receiver and the Officers of the bank, to endeavor to secure our funds as a preferred claim, on account of being a trust fund, and we charge the officers with fraud, in receiving our funds but a few days before the closing of the bank, when they must have known of its insolvent condition. The case has not yet been called up for trial.

On account of our inability to pay off the mortgage of \$10,000, borrowed in Reading, Pa., and which is now due, the Board at its annual meeting instructed its President to offer the whole University property, consisting of campus and buildings to certain individuals in Reading, Pa., who guaranteed the payment of the said mortgage, by the solicitation of the person who secured this loan, but without the knowledge or direction of our Board. The condition of this offer is that these individuals will accept the property as payment for the liability of the

Board for this loan. The Board has received no reply to this offer and it is not known what will be done in the matter.

At its Annual Meeting the Board requested the Executive Committee to investigate and prepare a report on the financial condition of the Institution. The Executive Committee with considerable difficulty, after examining all books and papers relating thereto, prepared a report as requested and submitted the same to the Board at a meeting held, Tuesday, September 10. After fully considering said Report the Board adopted this Report, a copy of which we herewith submit to your Reverend body for your consideration and the Board furthermore requests that this Report be published in your minutes.

The Board makes the following nominations to fill the vacancies of such members whose term of office expires at this time.

Rev. D. B. Shuey, Rev. A. Casselman, Wilbur B. Jones, D. S. Stover, Philip Smith and H. C. Lower.

Dr. Stitzel who was elected a year ago by the Synod as a member of our Board, soon afterward died, and the Board elected F. P. Martin to fill the vacancy. The Board also accepted the resignations of J. W. Keefer and L. D. Skinner and elected Rev. L. S. Faust and T. D. Fouts to fill the respective vacancies.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

Communication From the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

WICHITA, KANSAS, Sept. 24, 1895.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We herewith submit to your reverend body, for your information, the Report of the Committee on Financial Status of Wichita University which was prepared by request of said Board and was unanimously adopted by the Board at its meeting September 10, 1895. By resolution of the Board we were directed to forward you a copy of said Report.

Respectfully yours,

D. B. SHUEY, President,

BRUCE GRIFFITH, Secretary.

Report of the Committee to Investigate the Financial Status of Wichita University.

WICHITA, KANSAS, September 10, 1895.

To the Board of Trustees of Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee appointed to investigate the financial status of the Institution would respectfully report the following:

Under the head of "Endowment Fund" this Board received the full amount of \$15,000, as follows:

J. Henry Brown.....	\$ 1,000 00
Rev. B. Bausman, D. D.....	500 00
Chas. Santee.....	500 00
Jacob Bausman.....	1,000 00
Mary M. Brownback.....	500 00
Mrs. M. M. Acker.....	500 00
Pittsburg Synod.....	3,000 00
Potomac Synod.....	4,000 00
Eastern Synod.....	4,000 00
Total.....	15,000 00

The donation of Jacob Bausman may be credited to the Eastern Synod, making that \$5,000. Of this amount the following loans were made in Wichita and loans paid or property taken by foreclosure, as follows:

LOANS.	Amount of Loan.	Interest Paid.	Loans Paid.	Property Taken Present Worth.	Loans in Force.
Mattie Bates.....	\$ 750 00	\$ 153 75		\$ 250 00	
Mattie Bates.....	750 00		\$ 50 00	250 00	
L. E. Williams.....	666 50	382 12	666 50		
M. S. Fishback.....	666 50	382 12	666 50		
Henry Samuels.....	875 00	148 50	875 00		
C. S. Eicholtz.....	2400 00			900 00	
H. S. Collett.....	1200 00	498 50	300 00		
J. C. Bundy.....	500 00	52 50		175 00	
H. S. Collett.....	750 00	358 13		300 00	
E. Bronson.....	875 00	21 50			\$ 425 00
E. C. Hartzell.....	300 00	100 00	50 00		250 00
D. A. Smith.....	450 00	41 34	450 00		
Totals.....	\$ 10193 00	\$ 2138 46	\$ 3058 00	\$ 1875 00	\$ 675 00

In the Bronson loan the property was taken for the loan and property afterward sold for \$425 and a real estate and chattle mortgage taken to secure payment.

The following loans were made at Emporia, Kansas, by D. B. Shuey, which were paid off or reinvested as follows:

LOANS.		Amount of Loan.	Interest Paid.	Loan Paid.	Property Taken Present Value.	Loans in Force.
Joshua Johnson.....	\$	500	\$ 62 64		\$ 300	
J. F. Hopkins.....		500	315 60	\$ 500		
P. C. Cowling.....		2500	1463 05	2500		
N. Brown.....		450	205 40	450		
W. McBride.....		800	240	800		
Park Morse.....		600	493 50	200		\$ 400
Lizzie Irwin.....		500	80			500
J. F. Wallace.....		200	36			200
Barbara Peaslee.....		450	60 75			450
W. M. Finch.....		800				800
C. C. Fees.....		200				200
Totals.....	\$	7500	\$2626 60	\$4450	\$ 300	\$2550
Original Loans at Wichita.....					\$ 8,558 00	
" " " Emporia.....					3,500 00	
Used for other purposes.....					2,942 00	
Total.....					15,000 00	

From this we learn that there are Loans and property as follows:

LOANS.		Loans in Force.	Value of Property.	Cash.	Interest Received.
Wichita.....	\$	675	\$1875		\$2138 46
Emporia.....		2550	300	\$ 400	2626 60
Totals.....		\$3225	\$2175	\$ 400	\$4765 06
Total amount of Loans, Property and Cash.....			\$	5,700 00	
In hands of Receiver of State National Bank.....				1,500 00	
Total Balance of Endowment.....				7,200 00	
Received from judgment in case of Wichita University vs. Henry Schweiter et al.....				3,264 00	

Of which we have:

Loan of J. E. Wootton.....	\$	750 00
" " D. B. Walthall.....		750 00
Paid to Attorney.....		600 00
In hands of Receiver of State National Bank.....		1,032 00
In Treasurer's hands.....		432 00
		3,264 00

SUMMARY.

Endowment Fund received.....	\$ 15,000 00	
Interest on Loans.....	4,765 06	
From Judgment.....	3,264 00	
From Tuitions.....	1,934 08	
Donations.....	307 00	
		\$25,270 14
Loans in Force.....	\$ 4,725 00	
Value of Properties.....	2,175 00	
Cash to Loan.....	300 00	
In hands of Receiver State National Bank.....	2,532 00	
In Treasurer's hands.....	132 00	\$9,864 00
Paid Attorney and Court Fees.....	1,032 49	
" Professors and Teachers.....	5,303 79	
" for fuel, stationery, printing, insurance, lumber, janitors, taxes, repairs, labor, furniture, etc.....	4,294 95	
Loss on Loans.....	4,775 00	\$15,406 14
		\$25,270 14

It will be noticed that we lost on Loans \$4,775, while we received \$4,765.06 in interest on loans, which is a clear loss of less than \$10. The heavy loss was in furnishing the Institution and in maintaining the school while it was in operation.

We still owe the following:

Prof. E. L. Kemp, salary, including interest to date.....	\$669 08	
Prof. C. E. Heller, salary " " "	326 83	
		\$996 91

BUILDING FUND.

For the Building Fund we received from Wichita		
Bondsmen, H. Schweiter, et al.....	\$10,344 85	
From an Eastern Loan.....	10,000 00	
Schweiter et al judgment.....	1,632 00	
Total.....		\$21,976 85
Paid out on Building.....	\$19,233 28	
Interest on Loan.....	1,571 00	
W. H. Bridenbaugh.....	800 00	
Incidental Expenses.....	372 57	
Total.....		\$21,976 85
We still owe on Mortgage.....	\$10,000 00	
" " " Interest, about	1,500 00	
Total.....		\$11,500 00

There are a few other small claims made against us which we however do not acknowledge as owing.

As against the above we have a campus of about twenty

acres on which stands the fine large three story University Building, well adapted for school purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, Chairman,
BRUCE GRIFFITH, Secretary,
Executive committee.

The foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Education, except the nominations which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Education reported and their Report was recommitted to the Committee.

Rev. E. D. Wettach, Financial Secretary of Heidelberg University, was invited to Address the Synod and presented the claims of that Institution.

The Committee on Education afterwards made the following report which was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Standing Committee on Education would respectfully offer the following as its report to Synod:

The only papers that came into our hands were those on Wichita University, and the College of Northern Illinois.

From these we gather the following facts with regard to the Institution at Wichita:

The entire property originally consisted of a site of twenty acres of land, located on College Hill, in Wichita, and a bond for \$25,000, on which \$10,500 has been paid, and an endowment of \$15,000 received from private parties and from the Eastern Synods of the Church.

To meet the liabilities of the original cost of the buildings, it seems that \$10,000 were borrowed from persons in the East.

Of this endowment of \$15,000, there are today \$4,725 on

interest, \$2,175 in properties, \$300 in cash to loan, \$2,532 in a suspended bank in Wichita, making \$9,732 in all.

Besides this money there are the buildings, costing over \$20,000, and a campus of twenty acres.

Then there is due from the Institution to former teachers, Profs. Kemp and Heller, the sum of at least \$900.

Then there is due the accumulated interest on the loan of \$10,000, amounting to about \$1,500. The \$10,000 are also due.

From all these facts it seems to your committee that the institution is hopelessly involved, and as it is not in active operation, and likely will never be again, while the interest on the debt is continually increasing and the buildings becoming more and more impaired and in need of repairs, therefore, your committee would recommend the following:

RESOLVED: That the Synod commend the action of the Trustees of Wichita University in turning over to the guarantors of the mortgage, the entire ground and buildings in settlement of their claim.

RESOLVED: Second, that the Synod recommends that the Board secure a final settlement with these guarantors as speedily as possible.

RESOLVED: Third, that the Synod recommends that the Board continue to hold in trust the endowment, and use the income therefrom to pay the claims of former teachers until all such claims shall have been settled.

In reference to the College of Northern Illinois, we propose the following action:

WHEREAS: The College of Northern Illinois is making such commendable progress under its present management, and its Courses of Study have been improved and extended, and

WHEREAS: The financial condition, and the future outlook is encouraging, and

WHEREAS: The teaching force of the College is of superior adaptation to the several departments. Therefore,

RESOLVED: That this Synod heartily recommend the College of Northern Illinois to the patronage of the Reformed people of the Synod of the Interior and the public generally.

RESOLVED: That we gladly recognize and heartily appreciate the presence of Rev. E. D. Wettach, representing Heidelberg University, of Tiffin, Ohio, and thank him for the able manner in which he presented to this Synod, the claims of said University, and are glad to notice the present pleasing status and bright prospects of said Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. MAYER,
L. C. SUMMER,
E. T. MATHES.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Beneficiary Education would respectfully report that we have two Students for the Ministry receiving aid. Mr. Ed. C. Stuebi, of Kansas Classis, receives \$50 per year. He is a student in the Theological department at the Mission House at Franklin, Wisconsin. Mr. Jno. B. Bloom, of Iowa Classis, is a student in the Collegiate department of Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He receives \$100 per annum. Both these brethren have made commendable progress and have good standing in work and conduct.

Mr. John H. Kamm, of Wichita Classis, who was engaged in secular business the past year was advised to resume his studies in College. The Board does not know whether he acted in the advice inasmuch as we have not had any late report.

We recommend that the Synod continue to apportion five cents per member for the cause of Beneficiary Education.

We herewith submit the Treasurer's Report, which was audited and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

J. W. LOVE, in account with Board of Beneficiary Education.

1894.		DR.		
Oct.	16.	Balance in Treasury.....		\$ 147 46
"	27.	Kansas Classis, per J. W. Love, Treas.....	65	
1895.				
Jany.	15.	" Rev. O. E. Lake.....	1 00	
Mch.	17.	per St. Paul's Sunday School	2 50	
April	18.	" H. S. Gekeler.....	1 85	
May	3.	" J. W. Love, Treas.....	8 10	
"	8.	" " ".....	1 50	
June	7.	" Fred Isely.....	5 00	
"	"	" Rev. J. A. Novinger.....	2 55	
"	8.	" J. W. Love, Treas.....	8 25	
Oct.	1.	" " ".....	2 50	
				33 90
Nov.	7.	Iowa Classis, per Rev D. S. Fouse, Tr....	3 15	
1895.				
Feb.	12.	" " F. C. Bauman	4 90	
"	26.	" Rev. D. S. Fouse, receipt	5 00	
April	18.	" " " " "	15 00	
May	6.	" " " " "	6 24	
				34 29
1894.				
Dec.	29.	Illinois Classis, per Rev. Jos. Sechler, Tr..	3 85	
1895.				
Jany.	30.	" " " " "	6 15	
April	24.	" " " " "	5 00	
"	26.	" " " " "	5 00	
May	9.	" " " " "	5 00	
				25 00
1894.				
Oct.	27.	Wichita Classis, per D. B. Shuey, Treas..	80	
1895.				
May	20.	" " " " "	9 20	
July	12.	" " " " "	5 00	
				15 00
Total.....			\$	255 65
Arrearages—Iowa Classis.....			6 16	
Illinois ".....			15 65	
Wichita ".....			3 30	
Lincoln ".....			8 20	

1894.		CR.		
Oct.	18.	John B. Bloom, Beneficiary.....	\$ 20 00	
Nov.	7.	" "	3 15	
Dec.	3.	" "	16 85	
Feb.	16.	" "	25 00	
April	12.	" "	15 00	
"	15.	" " By Dr. Fouse.....	15 00	
May	6.	" "	6 24	
				101 24
July	12.	Receipt of Rev. Casselman to Ohio Board		3 20
1894.				
Dec.	3.	Ed. C. Steubi, Beneficiary.....	20 00	
1895.				
Feb.	16.	" "	20 00	
April	29.	" "	10 00	
				50 00
Postage and Exchange.....				1 00
Oct.	24.	Balance in Treasury.....		100 21
Total.....			\$ 255 65	

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. LOVE, Treas.

The above Reports were adopted.

ARTICLE XV. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of the Board of Sunday School Work.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Synod's Board of Sunday School work desires to submit the following report:

We are glad to note the constant increase in the growth of the Sunday School work of our Synod. There is evidence on every hand that the pastors have been mindful of the fact that the Sunday School is a most important department of our Mission work. In fact, upon the success of the Sunday School depends the growth of the Mission.

The General Synod's Board has prepared a complete and exhaustive tabular blank to be filled in by the Committee on Sunday School work. This Report will place in the hands of our

district officers and of the General Secretary, complete information as to the condition of our Sunday School work in the various sections of the church.

All the Classes of the Synod of the Interior have sent in reports to the President of this Board. These statistics are herewith transmitted to this Synod. It will be remembered that last year this Synod asked for the appointment of three State Missionaries. While this overture was not met, yet by joint consideration the Board of Home Missions and the General Synod's Sunday School Board appointed a "Sunday School Missionary" who is expected to spend a large part of his time in the territory occupied by this Synod. We rejoice in this step forward; but we repeat our overture for increased supply in this direction, believing that the presence and co-operation of more Missionaries in our territory would greatly increase the strength and growth of our church in the West.

We believe that catechization in the Sunday School can be greatly improved by an improvement in helps on the catechism. Instead of taking all the questions and considering them seriatim as our lesson helps at present are doing, fifty-two subjects, covering the essentials of the catechism, could be treated during the year. Fifty-two questions should be selected in which the teaching on the topic is best embodied and which is most worthy of being fixed in the memory. The remaining questions would be side-lights on the subjects selected. If the catechism is to become a real feature of Sunday School instruction, the General Sunday School Board should furnish us helps. We, therefore, recommend that this Synod overture General Synod to instruct its Board of Sunday School to draw up such a series of studies and furnish such helps.

The attention of Synod is hereby called to a two years vacancy to be filled, by the resignation and removal out of the bounds of Synod of Rev. P. E. Zartman.

Respectfully submitted,

PARLEY E. ZARTMAN, President.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee would report as follows:

From the facts gathered from the Sabbath School Boards of Synod and General Synod and other sources, it is gratifying to report that commendable progress has been made in Sabbath School work in the last year, and that still greater work may be accomplished. We offer the following resolutions:

1. Resolved,* That there be a united movement to increase the Sabbath School membership of the Reformed Church, that this matter be solemnly laid upon the heart and conscience of church members and Sabbath School workers, and a definite effort be urged upon Pastors and Consistories and their schools to have a Sabbath School enrollment equal to or larger than the Church Membership.

2. Resolved, That Classes and their respective Pastors and Consistories be urged to bear in mind that the responsibility for the growth and efficiency of the Sabbath School of the church, rests primarily upon them, and that only in proportion to the diligent interest and loving activity in teaching the children and in gathering them in as well as interesting the church membership in systematic Bible study, can the Reformed Sabbath School work be properly advanced to the high standard which its importance demands.

3. We commend the Home Department in all the Schools where practicable. This department is worthy of special consideration, because it links the home and the school more closely together and is therefore in accord with Reformed Educational ideas.

4. We recommend that each teacher and scholar provide themselves with a copy of the Bible for use in the Sunday School. Let the grand key-note be struck, "A Bible for every Child who can read." It is proposed to agitate this subject through Classical Committees, Conventions, etc.

5. Having briefly examined the little volume entitled, "Books

of the Bible," by George W. Pease, we commend it to the use of the Sabbath Schools in the bounds of this Synod.

6. Resolved, That we overture General Synod's Sunday School Board to take immediate steps toward better service in our Sabbath School papers in the consolidation of all our Publications under said Board, and that this Board regulate and set the price for them for subscribers, or if this cannot be done, that said Board so overture the General Synod.

7. Resolved, That the General Synod be overtured to Provide a Reformed Hymnal for our Sunday Schools at the earliest practical date.

8. That we overture General Synod to instruct its Sunday School Board to prepare a series of supplemental lesson helps on the Catechism to cover the entire ground of the Catechism in fifty-two studies.

9. Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the advanced spirit of the Sunday School Board in sending into our midst Rev. Rufus Miller, and hereby tender said Board our thanks and the Sunday School Secretary our sincere appreciation for his presence and addresses.

10. Resolved, That the Classical Sabbath School Boards be urged to furnish all the proper statistics for the use of the General Board, and that they push forward the Sabbath School Missionary work more vigorously than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. SHULTS,

L. P. KROME.

This Report was adopted. The vacancy referred to was filled by the election of Louis P. Krome.

ARTICLE XVI.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported a double set of nominees for the several vacancies on the Boards. Their report

was adopted, and the Committee was instructed to have one hundred tickets printed for the use of Synod.

Synod passed resolutions of thanks to C. E. Shadinger for printing and furnishing gratuitously to the Synod the one hundred tickets for above.

The election was held on Saturday forenoon at 11:20, it having been made a special order of the day. Revs. Shaw and Alt acted as tellers. The following are the Boards as they now stand, the new members elected being indicated by an (*).

BOARDS.

MISSIONS. Rev. J. M. Kendig*, D. D. 5 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 4 years; Rev. S. Shaw, 3 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 2 years; Rev. S. Ream, 1 year.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION:—Rev. D. A. Winter* 5 years; Elder J. W. Keefer, 4 years; Rev. S. P. Harrington, 3 years; Rev. J. W. Love, D. D. 2 years; Rev. J. W. Alspach, 1 year.

BOARD OF ORPHANS' HOMES:—Rev. L. C. Summer*, 5 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 4 years; Rev. J. W. Alspach, 3 years; Rev. F. M. Shults, 2 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 1 year.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK:—Rev. D. F. Boomershine*, 5 years; Elder J. Sonmedecker, 4 years; Rev. A. Casselman, 3 years; Rev. L. P. Krome*, 2 years; Rev. S. Ream, 1 year.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD:—Rev. D. H. Fouse*, 5 years; Elder Fred Isely, 4 years; Rev. D. N. Frantz, 3 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 2 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, 1 year.

TRUSTEES OF WICHITA UNIVERSITY:—Revs. D. B. Shuey*, A. Casselman, Wilbur B. Jones*, each for 5 years; F. P. Martin, Rev. L. S. Faust, George P. Neiman, each for 4 years; Rev. Bruce Griffith, D. M. Jones, J. C. Rutan, each for 3 years; W. H. Rauch, Esq., Rev. A. S. Dechant, J. H. C. Brewer, each for 2 years; Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., J. H. Brown, Col. T. D. Fouts, each for 1 year.

ARTICLE XVII.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

Report of the Board of Orphans' Homes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The Board held no meetings during the year for want of a quorum, but two members being present at this meeting of Synod.

As members of the Board, we have nothing new to report. The nature of this work, however, remains the same as in years past, if not greater. We, therefore, recommend that Synod commend the Orphans' Cause to the liberality of the churches within the bounds of Synod, and that the Christmas offerings be devoted to this cause.

T. F. STAUFFER.

F. M. SHULTS.

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Editors of the Reformed Church Herald Reported.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—One year ago you decided to call into existence the Reformed Church Herald as the organ of this Synod of the Interior. You appointed me to the responsible position of Editor. It is right that you should know the results of our stewardship.

We have on our subscription list six hundred and fifty bona-fide subscribers who either have paid or promised to pay. In addition there are one hundred and fifteen others who pay by service. Our subscription list then runs up to seven hundred and sixty five names.

We have received in cash on subscriptions.....	\$ 269 00	
For advertising.....	46 40	
Donations.....	15 00	
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		\$ 330 40
Still due on subscriptions.....	\$ 49 25	
" " " advertisements.....	18 00	
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		\$ 67 25
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Total.....	\$ 397 65	
There has been expended for wrappers.....	\$ 9 35	
Postage on Herald.....	21 50	

Stamps and cards.....	22 00
Title head.....	2 25
Printing Herald.....	568 00
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Total.....	\$ 623 10
Receipts.....	\$ 397 65
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	\$ 225 45

We have made a liberal allowance over this amount for experience so that a temperate estimate of the loss sustained by the publication of the Herald up to date is \$225.

We believe that the Synod of the Interior desires to see the Reformed Church Herald live. In order that it may, Synod must do more than has been done. We have received estimates on the cost of publication for another year. This Synod ought to guarantee the purchase of one thousand subscriptions at 50 cents, in their own bounds. In this way it will be possible to finish up the next year with a clean balance.

In order to facilitate any changes in the management of the Herald, that Synod desires to make, we hereby resign our positions as Editor-in-chief and Associate Editors.

H. S. GEKELER,
S. REAM,
BRUCE GRIFFITH,
T. F. STAUFFER,
H. L. BEAM.

This Report was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Fouse, A. Casselman, Elder E. T. Mathes.

The consideration of the Report of this Committee was made the order of the day for Saturday morning, immediately after the opening services of Synod.

Report of the Special Committee on Reformed Church Herald.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The Special Committee to which was referred the matter of the "Reformed Church Herald," the official organ of this Synod, would report the following for the consideration of Synod.

That we need a Church Paper for this Synod is admitted by all who are desirous for the growth of our Church in the great West. No paper that is published, from a thousand to fifteen-hundred miles east of here, can properly represent the life and the peculiar work of the Church in this part of our Great Country. There is, therefore, no difference of opinion among us as to the great need of an organ of our own. But what kind of a paper do we really need? How can we raise the funds so as to publish such a paper as we need? By what means can we arouse our people so as to have them subscribe in sufficiently large numbers that no loss may be sustained in the publication of this paper? These are questions which confront us and which we must consider calmly and deliberately. That we have the wealth in our Synod to sustain a paper of this kind is evident to all. That we have a people who will sustain it if properly presented to them, we verily believe. That no indebtedness should be entailed upon the Synod in the publication of it, is something which all will insist upon. That it is not well for the Synod to make itself responsible in any way for any delinquency on the publication of such a paper is the common sentiment, we believe, but that the effort to sustain it should be placed as much as possible upon the Pastor, the Consistory and the Individual Congregation, is the most reasonable, as from these sources must come the funds to sustain it. Here then the effort for this new and important object must be placed, and your Committee is thoroughly convinced that if the effort is properly made and project well managed, this Synod will find itself in possession of an organ that will be suited to its needs. In view of all these facts, your Committee hereby recommends the following for the consideration of Synod:

1. That we continue the Publication of the "Reformed Church Herald." That it be a Weekly at 50 cents per year.
2. That its edges shall be cut, and the paper pasted or stitched and have eight pages, as at present; that it be printed throughout in three columns to the page; that the printed page be one-half inch wider and one inch longer, and that the amount of type set remain as at present.

3. In order to insure the cost of the Publication, we recommend that the Consistory of every Congregation in the Synod be required to subscribe for a number of Copies of the Paper equal to the number of families in the Congregation, the Consistory to be responsible for the subscription price to be paid promptly annually, the paper to be sent by the publisher to the persons designated by the Consistory. Consistories to send in their pledges within six weeks from this date.

4. That the Editor be elected for one year at this meeting of Synod, and that he be required to receive bids from different publishing houses so as to get the work done at the lowest possible rate, but with the understanding that the material and workmanship shall be of good quality.

5. That there be an Associate Editor elected from each of the Classes of Synod, whose duty it shall be to see that the Pastors of the Classes furnish news items from their Charges, and also that the Consistories furnish the required number of subscribers as proposed in the third item of this report. This he shall do by personal solicitation and correspondence.

6. That the benevolent monies shall be reported by the Treasurers of the Classes monthly, and that a page and a half be allowed for advertising, this to be of such a character as is suitable for a Church Paper.

7. That we heartily appreciate the labors of Editor Gekeler in giving us a good readable paper, and we recommend that the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay the present Editor of the Reformed Church Herald \$100 to reimburse him for losses sustained, and that the remainder of \$125 be apportioned upon Classes in bulk according to their numerical strength.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE,
A. CASSELMAN,
E. T. MATHES.

Synod considered this Report by items. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole.

Synod then entered into an election for Editor in Chief and

Associate Editors for the Reformed Church Herald resulting as follows: Editor in Chief, Rev. H. S. Gekeler; Associate Editors, Illinois Classis, Rev. S. P. Harrington; Iowa Classis, Rev. D. H. Fouse; Kansas Classis, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., Wichita Classis, Rev. Bruce Griffith; Lincoln Classis, Rev. T. F. Stauffer; Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. S. J. Hefley.

The Synod obligated itself for 1,000 paid up subscriptions within the bounds of the Synod.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report that inasmuch as all matters relating to our publication interests have either been transacted directly by Synod, or else referred to a special committee, there seems to remain nothing more that is worthy of cognizance to report to your Reverend body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. REAM,

In behalf of Committee.

This Report was adopted.

Synod adopted the following resolution under the head of Publications.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby authorizes the establishment of a depository of Reformed Literature and Publications in connection with the printing of our church paper and that this Synod will give its encouragement to this enterprise.

ARTICLE XIX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Reporters Elected.

On motion the following Reporters were elected to report the proceedings of Synod. The Stated Clerk for the Associated

Press; Rev. G. W. Remagen, for the Daily Reflector; Rev. Bruce Griffith, for the Daily News; Rev. H. S. Gekeler, for the Christian World; Rev. C. F. Althouse, for the Messenger; Rev. D. F. Boomershine, for the Reformed Church Record and Rev. S. Thomas, for the Reformirte Kirchenzeitung.

Under item 4, of the Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod, pledges for the Chicago Mission Chapel, were made either for themselves or for the charges they represent, as follows: Rev. Louis P. Krome, \$5.00; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, \$5.00; Rev. C. F. Althouse, \$5.00; Rev. S. P. Harrington, \$10.00; Rev. F. C. Bauman, \$5.00; Rev. S. Ream, \$7.00; Rev. F. M. Shults, \$1.00; Rev. S. Shaw, \$2.00; Rev. L. C. Summer, \$5.00; Rev. A. S. Dechant, \$15.00; Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., \$2.00; Rev. D. A. Winter, \$5.00; New Basel charge, \$2.00; Rev. F. H. Fisher, \$5.00; Rev. D. B. Shuey, \$1.00; Rev. L. S. Faust, \$5.00; Rev. Bruce Griffith, \$7.00; Elder E. T. Mathes, \$2.50; Total \$89.50.

Report of Special Committee on Keefer Donation.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed a year ago to further negotiate with Elder J. W. Keefer, in regard to his proposed donation of certain property near Parkville, Missouri, for a Theological School of this Synod, would respectfully report that we have not been able to obtain any further concessions in securing the property to the Synod for school purposes, without the restrictions under which the offer was made, and therefore, the whole matter rests just where it did a year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,

J. W. LOVE,

H. S. GEKELER.

This Report was adopted.

Stated Clerk's Report.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

According to instruction of Synod I supplied all the charges with the necessary Statistical Blanks. Our publication houses asked \$1.50 and \$2.00 for one hundred blanks to be used by charges, and 60 cents per dozen for blanks to be used by Classes to Synod. I ascertained that I could have the blanks made to order at less expense and therefore had five-hundred made for the use of charges and fifty for the use of Classes at a cost of \$5.75 for which amount I desire an order on the Treasurer.

Respectfully yours,

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

The Report was adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Special Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed a year ago to investigate the matter of unpaid Contingent fund on the part of Kansas Classis to this Synod for the year 1887, amounting to \$32.17, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the Treasurer's Book of this Synod and also the Books of the Treasurer of Kansas Classis, and we find no record in either book of the payment of this money and therefore report it unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,

J. W. LOVE,

T. F. STAUFFER.

This Report was adopted and the unpaid claim was referred to Kansas Classis for settlement.

Report of Stated Clerk of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—According to instructions of Synod,

one thousand, two hundred copies of the Minutes of the last meeting were printed, the contract having been given to Shadinger & Nutt, of Abilene, and we regard the job as well done. The following is the account:

DR.

Shadinger & Nutt, 1,200 copies Minutes @ 90c per page, \$69 30	
“ “ Shipping Tags.....	50
Express on Minutes.....	16 20
Postage “ “	2 50
Twine and wrapping paper.....	25
Total.....	\$88 75

CR.

D. H. Fouse, Treasurer of Synod.....	\$69 80	
For advertisements.....	18 00	87 80
Balance due me.....		95

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY.

Stated Clerk of Synod.

This Report was adopted.

Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in United States through its officers presents for publication in the Minutes of Synod of the Interior the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year closing September, 30, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last report.....	\$ 2,796 34
“ from matured loan.....	2,000 00
“ “ Collections in the Churches.....	1,442 47
“ “ Royalty on Church Hymnal.....	715 80
“ “ Interest on Investments.....	647 50
“ “ Pittsburg Synod, special.....	325 00

" " Miscellaneous sources.....	221 66
Total.....	\$ 8,148 47

EXPENDITURES.

Paid forty-two Annuitants.....	\$ 2,633 42
" for Investment.....	2,000 00
" " Expenses.....	138 72
Cash in Treasury.....	3,376 63
Total.....	\$8,148 77

As the list of Annuitants will be increased by at least five new applicants the cash in the hands of the Treasurer will be possibly all needed to meet the appropriations made by the Society at its annual meeting, October 22, 1895. In the last year the membership of the Society has been increased by the addition of twenty life and one annual member as follows:

Life members: Revs. Josiah May, John Nailly, Samuel Kuhn, Alpha K. Kline, Rudolph Duenger, D. D., Alfred F. Driesbach, Ph. D., Alfred P. Horn, Chas. W. Levan, Hiram J. Macalister, Jas. W. Mabry, Franklin W. Smith, Wm. J. Kershner, Reuben Rahauser, Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., Wm. G. Engle, Oliver W. Strunck, Hiram A. Frantz, Abraham Bartholomew, Geo. B. Resser and Geo. P. Stem.

Annual member: Rev. Sigismund Romers.

OFFICERS OF SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEITRICK D. D., President, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, Secretary, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER; Treasurer, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

This was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., Rev. S. Shaw and Elder A. L. Rauch.

This Committee afterwards reported as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed to consider and report a minute with reference to "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," beg leave to offer the following for your adoption.

We regard it not only as a Christian privilege but as an imperative duty. Yea, a matter of justice, for the Church to provide proper support of disabled Ministers and their dependent families.

1. Resolved, That Classes direct charge to take up an annual collection or make an offering to this good cause.

2. Resolved, That Classes be privileged to make any of its Ministers life members of the Society from funds contributed by the charges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE,
S. SHAW.

This Report was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, The Synod of the Northwest and the Synod of the Interior nearly cover the same Western territory of the Reformed Church, and

Whereas, Greater cordiality of feeling might exist between the German and English portion of our Church in the West, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Synod send a fraternal delegate to the next annual meeting of the Synod of the Northwest.

In compliance with this resolution Rev. H. S. Gekeler was elected delegate primarius and Rev. D. A. Winter, delegate secundus.

Report of Special Committee on Statistics, under Item 5 Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee to whom was referred the overture from Wichita Classis, having reference to an improvement in our statistical tables, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined into this matter and we are convinced that for the purpose of more complete information the statistical tables, as we now have them, can be considerably

improved. This is an age where accuracy is demanded and the church must carry forward its work in a business-like way.

We would recommend the following action:

1. That this Synod grants the overture of Wichita Classis, and hereby directs the Stated Clerk of Synod to publish the statistics of the individual congregations in all cases where they have been furnished by Classes.

2. Synod hereby overtures the General Synod to direct that hereafter the statistical tables of congregations or charges shall contain the following columns:

Pastors and Charges, Churches, Members Communed, Unconfirmed Members, and under the heading, Additions, the following: Baptized—Adults, Infants; Confirmed, By Certificate—From Reformed Churches, From other denominations, By renewal of Profession, By Restoration. Under the head of Losses the following: Deaths, Adults, Children; Dismissed, Erased, Excommunicated. Then Marriages, Burials, Students for the Ministry, Minutes of Synod wanted, Church papers taken, Post office Address. Omitting Sunday School Statistics inasmuch as they are to be published in separate form as recommended by the General Sunday School Board.

3. For the purpose of ascertaining what contributions the individual congregations make and their purposes, this Synod hereby overtures the General Synod to authorize an additional table of Contributions which shall contain the following heads, Pastors and Charges, Churches, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Education, Orphans' Homes, Society Relief of Ministers and Widows, Theological Seminary, Colleges, Publication, Sustentation, Synodical Treasury, Classical Treasury, other objects of Benevolence, Local objects, Value of Church Property, Churches, Parsonages, Post office Address.

4. That in the preparation of such blanks, double lines be ruled between all general headings; for instance, between Additions and Losses, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,
H. S. GEKELER,
JOHN ROYER.

This Report was adopted and the Stated Clerk directed to send the overture to the General Synod.

Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting of Synod.

Rev. S. Ream extended a cordial invitation to the Synod, in behalf of the Lone Tree Congregation in Iowa, to meet in their church. Rev. C. F. Althouse extended a similar invitation in behalf of the Edinburg Congregation in Illinois. The roll was then called and the first and second ballot exhibited a tie vote. The third ballot was in favor of Edinburg. The Synod therefore resolved to meet in General Convention in the Reformed Church, in Edinburg, Christian county, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 21st. A. D., 1896, at 7 P. M.

Synod instructed the Stated Clerk to have one thousand five hundred copies of the Minutes of the present session printed, and distribute the same.

An Overture to the General Synod.

Whereas, We believe that the combination of the Directory of Worship, or such portions of it as are needed for general worship, with the New Reformed Church Hymnal, note edition, would greatly assist in introducing the constitutionally adopted liturgy of our Church, and thereby carry out the intention of the peace measures; and

Whereas, We learn that General Synod's contract with Publishing Companies prevents the above combination. Therefore

Resolved, That this Synod of the Interior hereby overture General Synod to make provision that both the Reformed Church Hymnal, note edition, and the Directory of Worship, or such forms from it as are needed in general worship, be combined in one volume.

This was adopted.

On motion Synod held a meeting on Monday evening and by request of Synod Rev. W. E. Hoy addressed the audience. His address was largely intended for the children and was greatly appreciated.

Synod directed its Treasurer to pay \$6.00 to the Abilene Congregation for extra expenses during the Sessions of Synod.

On motion the Synod made it a permanent rule that the Pastor loci and the officers of Synod shall be a Committee to prepare a program for the Religious Services of the Synod, and to publish the same in the Reformed Church Herald two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

Report of Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would respectfully report that no candidates have presented themselves for Examination or Licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. WINTER,

A. M. LEWIS,

FRED ISELY.

This Report was adopted.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the members of Grace Reformed Church and other citizens of Abilene, Kansas, for the generous entertainment, warm hospitality and courteous treatment received at their hands during the session of this Synod and to the ladies who furnished the members of Synod with the Reformed Church colors.

Resolved, That this resolution be read by the Pastor loci from his pulpit and that it be also published in the city papers.

On Friday forenoon Synod took a recess of fifteen minutes to allow the graduates of Franklin and Marshall College to organize an Alumni Association.

During this time such an Alumni Association was organized. During the day overtures from the Graduates of Heidelberg

University and the Graduates of other Reformed Institutions were made to organize a Western Alumni Association of Reformed Institutions. Such an organization was effected and the First Annual Banquet was held at the Union Pacific Hotel on Friday evening, after the Womans' Missionary meeting in the church. It was a grand success, considering the short time in which it was gotten up. The visiting ladies of the Synod were invited to the banquet. Forty six sat down to the table. The Association will have Annual Reunions at the time of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT OF SYNOD.

The business sessions of Synod closed Monday evening at 5:30 o'clock. The Roll was called and the following were absent without being excused:

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.—Revs. R. F. Oplinger, Joshua Wolbach, John Kercher, Geo. P. Hartzell, Elders, from the following charges, Shiloh, Mt. Zion, Astoria, Grace Chicago, Shelby.

IOWA CLASSIS. Revs. Geo. Rettig, J. C. Beade, D. M. Jones, D. B. Anderson, G. H. Albright, Elders from the following charges, Wilton, Tipton, Leighton, Harmony, Boulder, Brandon, Liscomb, Amber.

KANSAS CLASSIS.—Rev. J. A. Novinger and Elders from Hiawatha, Denver and Schoenfeld.

WICHITA CLASSIS. Rev. A. R. Holshouser and the elder from Iola.

LINCOLN CLASSIS.—Elder from Sioux City.

The Minutes were read and adopted. The motion was made that Synod now adjourn to meet in the Reformed Church, Edinburg, Ill., in General Convention, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 21st., A. D. 1896.

Pending the adoption of this motion Synod took a recess until after the evening address, by Rev. W. E. Hoy.

After the address the motion to adjourn passed. Synod engaged in the use of the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Doxology and the President pronounced the Benediction and declared Synod adjourned.

J. M. KENDIG, President.

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

Woman's Synodical Missionary Society.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior held their Seventh Annual Meeting in Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Kansas, October 24, 1895, at 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

The meeting was called to order and devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. S. J. Heffley.

In answer to roll call, the following delegates were present.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.—Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Althouse.

IOWA CLASSIS.—Mrs. L. C. Sumners.

KANSAS CLASSIS.—Mrs. A. S. Dechant, Mrs. C. M. Thomas, Miss Jean Love.

WICHITA CLASSIS.—Miss Mechtley.

LINCOLN CLASSIS.—Mrs. S. J. Heffley, Miss Jennie Erb, Mrs. Gottshall.

Visiting delegate from Somerset Classis, Miss Poorbaugh.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Mrs. Betz, Mrs. Leathery, Miss Taylor, Miss Asper, Mrs. V. Hoon, Mrs. Roemer, Mrs. W. H. Hoon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS.

The President read a very interesting and encouraging Report of the year's work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Interior which was accepted as read. The Reports of the following Classes were read and approved: Illinois Classis, Iowa Classis, Kansas Classis, Wichita Classis, Lincoln Classis.

Reports of the following local Societies were read and approved: Lincoln, Nebraska; Emporia, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; Abilene, Kansas; Forreston, Illinois; Sioux City, Iowa; Ursinus, of the Sioux City charge.

The Treasurer's Report was as follows and accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1894.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	On hand from last year.....	\$ 21 93
"	12.	W. M. Soc., Zwingli, Ia., H. M.....	15 00
"	12.	Collection at Hiawatha, Kas.....	8 09
"	15.	Ladies' M. and A. Soc., Kansas City, F. M.....	5 00
"	15.	" " " " " " " " H. ".....	10 00
"	30.	W. M. Soc., Ill. Classis, Lucy Yost, H. ".....	16 55
"	30.	" " " " " " " " F. ".....	2 20
"	30.	Rev. Shuey, Home Missions.....	1 00
Nov.	14.	M. Soc., Hiawatha, Kas., H. M.....	3 50
"	14.	" " " " " " " " F. M.....	1 50
Dec.	29.	Mrs. J. Ream, Foreign Missions.....	2 00
1895.			
Jan.	3.	Missionary Society, Lisbon, Ia.....	10 00
"	15.	Stonington, Illinois, Foreign Missions,...	4 50
"	28.	W. M. Soc., Damascus, Ill., Home M....	10 00
"	28.	" " " " " " Foreign M....	3 70
Feb.	25.	" " " Ill. Classis, Home M.....	10 25
"	25.	" " " " " " Foreign.....	4 51
March	20.	M. Soc., Wilton, Ia.....	5 00
"	23.	W. M. Soc., Maquoketa, Ia., Home M....	5 65
"	25.	Missionary Soc., Ill., Lucy Yost, H. "...	12 96
"	28.	Fred Isley, Fairview, Kas., Home Mis.,...	5 00
April	6.	W. M. Soc., Dakota, Ill., Foreign "...	4 68
"	12.	Annie M. Barnwell, Lincoln, Neb., H. M...	7 50
"	12.	W. M. Soc., Damascus, Ill., Home M....	7 65
"	12.	" " " " " " Foreign "...	1 06
"	27.	" " " Zwingli, Ia., Home "...	10 30
May	14.	From meeting of Illinois Classis.....	9 00
June	25.	W. M. Soc., Damascus, Ill., Foreign M....	7 40
Sept.	20.	" " " Maquoketa, Ia., Home "...	10 00
"	30.	" " " Illinois Classis, Foreign "...	6 00
"	30.	" " " " " " Home "...	10 00
Total.....			\$ 250 88

1895.		CR.				
Jan'y.	4.	Paid to Miss Anthony, Foreign Missions				\$ 10 75
May	24.	"	"	"	"	36 41
Oct.	20.	"	"	"	"	13 00
Total Foreign Missions.....						\$ 60 15
1895.		CR.				
Jan'y.	4.	Paid to Miss Anthony, Home Missions				\$ 86 73
May	24.	"	"	"	"	79 00
Oct.	20.	"	"	"	"	25 00
Total Home Missions.....						\$ 190 73
Total for Home and Foreign Missions.....						\$ 250 88
Respectfully submitted,						
SADE A. FOUSE, Treasurer.						

The following Resolutions were offered and accepted as read:
 To the Memory of Mrs. T. F. Stauffer, Lincoln Nebraska:
 Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to call to her heavenly home, one of our members, therefore

Resolved, That in this providence we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, believing that she shall rise and glorify her heavenly Father in Heaven.

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere sorrow and sympathize with the sorrowing family.

Resolved That in her death the Missionary Society of this Synod has lost an earnest and devoted member.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the bereaved family, also recorded on our minutes and published in the Reformed Church Herald.

MRS. A. S. DECHANT,
 MRS. C. M. THOMAS,
 Committee.

On motion it was decided to ask the Synod to publish our Minutes in connection with the Minutes of Synod.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT,	Mrs. L. C. Summer.
VICE-PRESIDENT,	Miss Jean Love.
SECRETARY,	Miss Jennie Erb.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,	Mrs. Remagen.
TREASURER,	Mrs. Sade Fouse.
EDITRESS,	Mrs. S. J. Heffley.

Adjournment to meet in extra session Saturday afternoon, October 26th.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society met in extra session Saturday afternoon, October 26th, at 2:30 o'clock.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. A. S. Dechant.

Roll call and reading of minutes.

The following resolutions were reported and accepted:

Resolved, That the ladies of the local societies and of the congregations of the Synod of the Interior be asked to pay an apportionment of fifteen cents per member for the purpose of raising the \$300 pledged for Home and Foreign Missions by the women of the Synod of the Interior.

Resolved, That one person be appointed in each local society and congregation of the Synod of the Interior be urged to solicit a more general circulation of the Reformed Church Herald, and Missionary Guardian.

WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

This subject was presented by the President, Mrs. S. J. Heffley in an able appeal in its behalf and was favorably discussed by the members present, which resulted in the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this society heartily approves the Woman's Journal and hereby pledges faithful support of the same.

That the president appoint one lady from each Classical Society, who shall collect and secure new subscriptions for the Journal. Like-wise appoint one representative in each subordinate Society to collect and solicit for the Journal.

In view of this action the following named ladies were ap-

pointed by the President: Illinois Classis, Mrs. Rev. Mayer; Iowa Classis, Mrs. Rev. L. C. Summer; Kansas Classis, Jean Love; Wichita Classis, Miss Ella Mechtley; Lincoln Classis, Miss Jennie Erb.

Resolved, That this society begins the establishing of a building fund to be known as the Building Fund of the Synod of the Interior and that each Missionary Society within the bounds of this Synod be requested to make a special offering to this cause during each year, the money to be paid by subordinate treasurers to the Treasurer of this Society.

On motion it was decided to offer a vote of thanks to the ladies of Abilene for their kindness and hospitality during the meeting of Synod.

MRS. S. J. HEFFLEY, President,
MISS JEAN LOVE, Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING, FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 1895.

Invocation.....	Rev. D. S. Fouse D. D
Antiphonal Service on Japan.	
Music.	
President's Annual Report.....	Mrs. S. J. Heffley
Hymn.	
Essay—Larger Things	Miss Jean Love
Duet.....	Misses Jennie Erb, Mary Young
Essay.....	Mrs. S. A. Gottshall
Music.....	Synod's Choir
Essay.....	Mrs. L. C. Summers
Recitation.....	Mrs. A. S. Dechant
Hymn.	
Remarks by Members of Synod.	
Offering, Amount—\$11.49.	
Prayer.....	Rev. D. B. Shuey
Doxology.	
Benediction.....	Rev. E. Erb

MRS. S. J. HEFFLEY, President.
MISS JEAN LOVE, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MINISTERS

CHAIRMAN

P. O. ADDRESS.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Joseph Secher	1	52		40	2															\$ 60.00	\$260.00	20	22
Joshua Wollach																							Anna, Ill.
Henry Bair																							Forreston, Ill.
John Kercher	1	39		14	5	3	8	2			1	11	46							149.00	310.00	20	18
Daniel N. Franz	1	41		35	4	4	1				5	1	8	15						129.00	375.00	20	25
Joel W. Alspaeth	1	44		15							37	3	1	22	10					68.00	100.00	15	18
St. Paul's	1	37		30	2	1					3	1	9	26						25.28	75.00	15	12
St. Paul's (Shelby)	1	60		52	7	4	1	50	2		1	1	17	85						60.00	180.00	20	32
Pres. Col. N. Ill																							Dakota, Ill.
St. Peter's	1	51		28	2			47			4	1	12	51						86.00	459.00	20	31
Astoria	1	20		25	4	1		17			2	1	7	11						22.00	78.00	10	8
Grace, (Chicago)	1	30		4	1		3	26	1		1	14	119	4						45.86	424.50	15	22
Dakota	1	31			2		2				1	1	10	35						120.26	660.00	18	25
Walnut Grove	1	13		25			1	2			1	4	40	3								8	10
Rock Grove	1	10						10			1	4	17									6	3
Silver Spring	1	5			1			6			1	4	45									8	4
Edinburg	1	25		1			4	8	24		3	1	13	70						21.00	2431.00	15	14
Buckhart	1	62		19	4	3	10	3	62	4	3	1	12	55						78.00	938.00	35	20
Forreston	1	56		24	1		2	5	49	3	2	1	11	40						106.33	238.00	30	60
West Grove	1	80		47	5	4	15	3	69	1	1	1	12	70						137.00	258.75	40	25
Cedarville	1	18		9							1	1	9							106.00	68.00	8	
Salem	1	18									1	5	35							21.00	6.00	8	
Orangeville	1	37			5						4	1	20	129						58.00	20		
Bellview	1	15																				4	
St. John's	1	48		35	4			40			1	1	6	34						21.00	290.00	25	15
Wetang	1	18		17				16	3		1	6	15							15.00	150.00	10	10
Robert F. Oplinger																							Taylorville, Ill.
Total	23	810	410	49	12	47	34	629	17	37	13	22	222	1175	300	374				\$1270.73	\$9129.25	300	374
Ministers, 15.																							

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLES.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	MEMBERSHIP.				CHURCH.		EDUCATIONAL.				CONTRIBUTIONS.							
		No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is school held all the year?	Average Attendance.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Full membership of scholars in church.	Total No. of baptized scholars during past year into full membership.	Number of Scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the catechism used in the school?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of Copies of S. S. papers taken per month. (Not Lesson papers.)	No. of books in Library.	Is the school graded into more than two departments.	To S. S. work, Cent'l Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To support of the school.	To other benevolent objects.
ILLINOIS CLASSIS.																			
Altamont.....	First Reformed	62	110	132	Yes	70		30	12	1	No	Yes	145	300	No	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 33 00	
Hickory Creek.....	Hickory Creek	9	26	35	Yes	20		9	26		No	Yes	60	No	No	6 00		20 00	
Anna.....	Wetlaug.	6	34	40	No	20		11	6		No	Yes	60	No	No		4 00	15 00	
St. John.....	St. John	6	15	21	No	12		15	15		No	Yes	60	No	No		5 00	15 00	1 00
Summit.....	Summit	12	51	63	Yes	26		24	9		Yes	Yes	15	No	No			16 00	
Astoria.....	Astoria	7	11	18															
Dakota.....	Dakota	10	70	80	Yes	45	35	18		2	No	Yes	125	Yes	Yes	5 00	3 00	18 00	
Walnut Grove.....	Walnut Grove	4	10	14	Yes	20	40	10		2	No	Yes	35	No	No	11 00		10 00	
Rock Grove.....	Rock Grove	4	40	44	Yes	25	17	10			No	Yes	25	No	No			6 00	
Silver Spring.....	Silver Spring	4	45	49	Yes	35	45	3			No	No	45	No	No			8 00	
Buckhart.....	Buckhart	12	55	67	Yes	41		37	11	9	Yes	Yes	115	No	No	3 00	5 00	24 00	1 00
Edinburg.....	Edinburg org'd 3-10-95.	13	70	83	Yes	54		22		4	No	Yes	25	No	No			9 00	
Zions.....	Zions	11	40	51	Yes	28		24	32	15	Yes	Yes	30	No	No			20 00	
West Grove.....	West Grove	12	70	82	Yes	24		34	57		Yes	Yes	150	No	No	7 00		22 00	
Grace Reformed.....	Grace Reformed	14	119	133	Yes	51		5			Yes	Yes	37	No	No			23 00	
Mt. Zion.....	Mt. Zion	11	46	57	Yes	41		27	11	1	Yes	Yes	29	No	No		5 00	21 00	1 00
Stonington.....	Stonington	8	45	53	Yes	30		21	35	3	No	Yes	3	No	No			22 00	1 00
Cedarville, Ill.*.....	Cedarville, Ill.*	4	9	13	Yes		12	4	5		No	No		No	No				
Salem, Wis.*.....	Salem, Wis.*	5	35	40	Yes		15	10	10		No	Yes		No	No				
Orangeville.....	Orangeville, Ill.*	20	129	149	Yes	77	43	30	51		No	Yes	50	150	No	30 00		26 00	
Shiloh.....	Harlem	11	88	99	Yes	48		25	52	4	Yes	Yes	40	No	No	50 00		15 00	
Shelby.....	St. Paul	17	85	102	Yes	46		25	52		Yes	Yes		No	No				
Total.....	Total	222	1233	1437		726	207	300	325	45			1038	450		\$45 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 246 00	\$ 4 30
*Union School.																			

*Union Subhoods.

IOWA CLASSIS.

	63	49	18	+	3 00	+	3 00	+	15 00	5 00
Zwingle	63	49	18							
Harmony	57	58	15							
Lone Tree	46									
Conesville	96	75	20							
Leighton	117	63	35							
Six Mile	45	40	37							
Grace Reformed	58	37	30							
Tipton	87	51	20							
Columbus Junction	67	43	25							
St. Paul	100	68	38							
Lauson	42	30	15							
St. John	83	49	9							
Union	60	35	15							
Christ	99	72	8							
Grace	49	16	15							
St. Paul										
Total	1089	726	330							

KANSAS CLASSIS.

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WICHITA CLASSIS.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLES.

MEMBERSHIP. CHURCH. EDUCATIONAL. CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF SCHOOL	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is school held all the year?	Average Attendance.	Reformed enrollment.	Total number of scholars in full membership of the church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	Number of scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the catechism used in the school?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Books?	No. of Copies of S. S. papers taken per month. (Not Lesson papers.)	No. of books in Library.	Is the school graded into more than two departments.	To S. S. work, Gen'l Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To support of the school.	To other benevolent objects.
		No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is school held all the year?	Average Attendance.	Reformed enrollment.	Total number of scholars in full membership of the church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	Number of scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the catechism used in the school?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Books?	No. of Copies of S. S. papers taken per month. (Not Lesson papers.)	No. of books in Library.	Is the school graded into more than two departments.	To S. S. work, Gen'l Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To support of the school.	To other benevolent objects.
Lincoln	Imogene	7	35	32	No	15	15	6	16	16	No	No	35	35	No	\$ 1.00		\$ 2.00	\$ 9.00
Lincoln	Path Reformed	9	40	49	Yes	35	35	15	32	32	No	Yes	50	75	No	5.00		55.15	
Sioux City	Grace Reformed	9	35	44	Yes	35	35	15	12	12	No	Yes	50	150	No	6.00		13.00	
Sioux City	Uesinus	11	45	56	Yes	45	45	30	30	30	No	Yes	100	100	No	3.00		23.00	
Zion Reformed	Zion Reformed	10	60	70	Yes	45	45	35	35	35	No	No	100	100	No			50.00	
Total		46	225	271	185	135	135	91	125	8			375	375		\$15.00	\$151.00	\$71.00	\$9.00

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

CLASSES.	NO. OF SCHOOLS.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is school held all the year?	Average Attendance.	Reformed enrollment.	Total number of scholars in full membership of the church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	Number of scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the catechism used in the school?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Books?	No. of Copies of S. S. papers taken per month. (Not Lesson papers.)	No. of books in Library.	Is the school graded into more than two departments.	To S. S. work, Gen'l Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To support of the school.	To other benevolent objects.
Illinois	22	222	123	147	123	207	207	380	325	16	No	No	108	130	No	\$45.00	\$5.00	\$16.00	\$1.00
Iowa	15	155	92	108	126	126	126	30	30	30	No	Yes	270	96	No	7.00	\$1.00	\$78.00	\$28.00
Kansas	11	120	156	276	276	276	276	216	229	16	No	No	145	225	No	19.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$30.00
Nebraska	9	90	506	606	324	324	324	115	80	7	No	No	175	225	No	15.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$9.00
Wisconsin	5	46	225	271	165	165	165	91	125	7	No	No	175	225	No	15.00		\$71.00	\$9.00
Lincoln		63	362	425	231	231	231	115	159	102			228	196		\$65.00	\$151.00	\$151.00	\$10.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1895.

CLASSES.

	(Churches)	(Ministers)	No. of Con-	Members,	Members	Infants,	Adults,	(Confirmed)	(Certificate)	(Commune)	Dismissed	Eased,	Deaths,	Sunday Sch.	Officers and	Sunday Sch.	Students	Benefactor	(Congrega-	Minutes	Papers
Illinois	11	1	23	810	410	40	12	47	34	629	17	37	13	22	1175	\$1270 73	9	1192 00	\$90 39 25	390	374
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1895.

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Pittsburg	5	71	136	10276	9543	829	124	725	508	13727	358	1	108	295	121	1236	10526	12	16714 00	73498 00
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NOTE: The Stated Clerks of the several District Synods, in order respectively arranged, are as follows: 1. Rev. J. P. Stein, Reading, Pa.
2. Rev. L. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O. (Died Nov. 8, 1895.) 3. Rev. J. J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis. 4. Rev. J. H. Mickle, Johnstown, Pa.
5. Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. E. Dahlman, 71 Locust St., Buffalo, N. Y. 7. Rev. J. Bachman, D. D., 669 Freeman Ave., Cincinnati, O. 8. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas.
Annual Meetings of District Synods in the year 1896: EASTERN Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 7. OHIO Louisville, Ohio, Oct. 7. NORTHWEST
PITTSBURG Latrobe, Pa., Oct. 7. POTOMAC Altoona, Pa., Oct. 13. GERMAN OF EAST Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 9. CENTRAL—Cleveland, Ohio, Sept.
30. INTERIOR Edinburg, Ill., Oct. 21.

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Edinburg, Illinois, October 21, A. D., 1896.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Interior, met in General Convention, in the Reformed Church, Edinburg, Christian County, Illinois, October, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. The sessions began on the evening of the twenty-first, at 7:30 and closed at 3:00 on the afternoon of the twenty-sixth.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Pursuant to the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, the Synod of the Interior of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in Tenth Annual Convention, in the Reformed Church, in Edinburg, Christian County, Illinois, on Wednesday evening, October 31st, A. D., 1896, at half past seven o'clock.

In the absence of the President, Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., the Vice President, S. P. Harrington, conducted the religious services, and Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., by request, preached the opening sermon on the Text, Galatians 6:10, latter clause "The Household of Faith." During the sermon the electric lights in the Church ceased to burn and the sermon was concluded in the moonlight.

After the sermon, the President, who in the meantime ap-

peared, called the Synod to order, and the Stated Clerk, Rev. D. B. Shuey, offered prayer. The roll was then called and eighteen ministers and four elders answered to their names. These ministers represented Illinois, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln Classes. But all of the four elders were from Illinois Classis. This was not a constitutional quorum; Synod however on motion proceeded to organize.

Rev. Chas. F. Althouse, the pastor loci, heartily welcomed the members of Synod to Edinburg, to the Reformed Church, and to the homes of its members and friends.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Illinois Classis.

MINISTERS: Joseph Sechler, Daniel N. Frantz, Joel W. Alspach, Henry L. Beam (d), George P. Hartzell, John M. Kendig, D. D., S. P. Harrington, Charles F. Althouse, Lucian J. Mayer, Henry C. Blosser, Charles V. Molnar, Abner S. Dechant (4), Ernest E. Weaver (4).

ELDERS:—Peter Scheib, Henry Mowery (3) (d), William Glasser, Martin Whitesell, A. F. Korf. The seat of Elder Whitesell was occupied part of the time by Elder H. H. Drake, secundus.

Iowa Classis.

MINISTERS: D. S. Fouse, D. D. (3), J. C. Beade (3) (c), D. H. Fouse (3), L. P. Krome, (3), D. F. Boomershine (2).

ELDERS:—None present.

Kansas Classis.

MINISTERS: J. W. Love, D. D., H. S. Gekeler (3), S. A. Alt, A. Casselman, J. C. Bolger.

ELDERS:—None Present.

Wichita Classis.

MINISTERS: D. B. Shuey, James R. Lewis.

ELDERS:—None present.

Lincoln Classis.

MINISTERS: T. F. Stauffer.

ELDERS:—None present.

NOTE.—The figures at the end of the name indicate the day on which members took their seats, who were not present at the first roll call; the letters the time of leaving.

Advisory Members and Visitors.

The following named ministers attended some of the Sessions of Synod and were invited to seats, those of the Reformed Church as Advisory Members:

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, D. D., Financial Agent of Heidelberg University, member of Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod, Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., member of the Board of Foreign Missions, of Alleghany Classis, Pittsburg Synod, Rev. A. S. Dechant, Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod, Licentiate Ernest E. Weaver, Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. C. W. Cain, of the M. E. Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the Officers of Synod:

REV. S. A. ALT, President, Holton, Kas.

REV. G. P. HARTZELL, Vice-President, Sumnum, Ill.

REV. D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk, Emporia, Kas.

REV. JAMES R. LEWIS, Corresponding Sec'y, Cheney, Kas.

REV. D. H. FOUSE, Treasurer, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order, adopted for the several Judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States, were read by the Stated Clerk. These were observed by the Synod in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined by the President, to consist of the first five pews in the Church from the chancel.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the daily Sessions of the Synod, to-wit: Open at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and close at 11:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

MINUTES OF SYNOD.—D. B. Shuey, J. Sechler, Peter Scheib.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.—D. S. Fouse, D. D., H. S. Gekeler, A. F. Korf.

OVERTURES.—H. L. Beam, J. W. Alspach, A. F. Korf.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.—A. Casselman, G. P. Hartzell, Wm. Glasser.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.—L. J. Mayer, Lewis P. Krome, P. Scheib.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.—J. M. Kendig, D. D., D. H. Fouse, M. Whitesell.

MISSIONS.—H. C. Blosser, H. S. Gekeler, A. F. Korf.

FINANCE.—J. W. Love, D. D., S. P. Harington, P. Scheib.

NOMINATIONS.—D. N. Frantz, D. S. Fouse, D. D., Wm. Glasser.

PUBLICATION.—T. F. Stauffer, J. M. Kendig, D. D., M. Whitesell.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—C. F. Althouse, D. F. Boomersshine, P. Scheib.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND STATISTICS.—J. R. Lewis, A. S. Dechant, A. F. Korf.

EDUCATION.—H. S. Gekeler, J. W. Love, D. D., Wm. Glasser.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of the Synod and of the General Synod, and of the Classes of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln were received and referred to the proper Committees. All other communications received were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the Sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services.

The Committee on Religious Services appointed by the Synod a year ago had arranged for all the principal services of

the Synod, and their report which had been presented for the use of Synod, was approved. Additional services were reported by the Standing Committee on Religious Services and their report was adopted. The combined completed report is as follows, which was adopted as a whole:

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following report:

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Opening Services, Rev. S. P. Harrington. Synodical Sermon, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.

THURSDAY EVENING.—Rev. G. P. Hartzell, Chairman. "Christian Education;" Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D.; "Educational Religion," Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.; "How Can the Pew Help the Pulpit?" Rev. Amos Casselman.

FRIDAY EVENING.—Woman's Missionary Meeting.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.—2:30 P. M.—Preparatory Services, Sermon, Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D.; Altar Services, Revs. L. P. Krome and S. A. Alt.

3:30—Ordination Services of Licentiate Ernest E. Weaver.

SATURDAY EVENING.—Rev. D. N. Frantz, Chairman. "Work Among the Bohemians," Rev. Chas. V. Molnar; "Foreign Missions," Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D.

SUNDAY MORNING.—9:30 A. M.—Sunday School, Opening Services, C. E. Baughman, Superintendent. Addresses, Revs. D. F. Boomershine, J. C. Bolger and J. Sechler.

10:30.—Synodical Communion; Sermon, Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D.; Altar Services, Revs. R. F. Oplinger and James R. Lewis.

2:30 P. M.—Opening Services, Rev. J. W. Alspach. Children's Hour. Rev. R. F. Oplinger.

3:30 P. M.—Question Box Meeting, Rev. A. S. Dechant.

6:00 P. M.—Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting: Addresses, Revs. T. F. Stauffer, H. C. Blosser, L. P. Krome and J. R. Lewis.

7:00 P. M.—Synodical Missionary Meeting, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Chairman. "What Has Been Done?" Rev. D. B. Shuey; "What the East Thinks of the West?" Rev. H. S. Gekeler; "What Will be Done?" Rev. A. S. Dechant.

In other Churches:

Methodist Church, Morning—Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

" " Evening—Rev. D. H. Fouse.

Bethany M. E. Church, Morning—Rev. H. C. Blosser.

Stonington Reformed Church, Evening— Rev. A. Casselman,

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. ALTHOUSE,

D. F. BOOMERSHINE,

P. SCHEIB.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your committee has carefully examined the Minutes of Synod held at Abilene, Kansas, and we find the following items claiming the attention of Synod at this meeting.

Item 1, page 9. Christmas offerings are to be devoted to the Orphans' Cause.

Item 2, page 9. The Chicago Mission was commended to the continued liberality of our people in this Synod.

Item 3, page 9. The observance of Children's Day and offering for the Sunday School cause are recommended.

Item 4, page 34. Apportionments upon the different Classes.

Item 5, page 49. Members of the various Boards whose terms expire with this meeting of Synod: Missions, Rev. S. Ream; Beneficiary Education, Rev. J. W. Alspach; Board of Orphans' Homes, Rev. T. F. Stauffer and also Rev. F. M. Shultz who removed from the bounds of the Synod and who had still one year to serve; Board of Sunday School Work, Rev. S. Ream; Trustees of Synod, Rev. D. B. Shuey; Trustees of Wichita University, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., J. Henry Brown, Col. T. D. Fouts.

Item 6, page 53. Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors of the Reformed Church Herald to be elected.

Item 7, page 59. Rev. H. S. Gekeler and D. A. Winter, elected Fraternal Delegates to the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 8, page 61. Time and place of meeting of Synod chosen.

Item 9, page 61. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1,500 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed and distribute the same.

Item 10, page 62. Pastor loci and Officers of Synod a committee to prepare program of Religious services for Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,
JOS. SECHLER,
P. SCHEIB.

The action of the Synod on this report is as follows. Item 1 was adopted and the former action reiterated. Item 2 was adopted and the subject matter was referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 3, referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. Item 4, referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes. Item 5, referred to the Committee on Nominations. Item 6, referred to the Committee on Publication. Item 7, Rev. Geckeler reported. See Article X. Item 8, adopted. Item 9, Stated Clerk made his report which was adopted. See Miscellaneous. Item 10 was adopted and the Report as a whole was adopted.

Minutes of General Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod made the following report:

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod would respectfully report the following items for the consideration of Synod.

Item 1, page 85. Authorizes the Board of Home Missions to found Missions in the South and West.

Item 2, page 85. Directs the Classes to present the claims of the South and West to young men who may be under their care for their services.

Item 3, page 86. Directs the Classes to authorize Pastors and

Consistories to forward the names of any and all persons friendly to the Reformed Church who may have moved into the bounds of the Mission charges.

Item 4, page 88. Is the matter of \$100,000 to be raised for Church Extension.

Item 5, page 89. Is the request that Synods pay at least an average of fifty cents per member for Home Missions

Item 6, page 136. Commends the Orphans' Cause to our Pastors, Consistories, Congregations and Sunday Schools for larger liberality towards them.

Item 7, page 141. Commends the Deaconess Home in Cleveland, Ohio, for support, to all the Classes and Congregations.

Item 8, page 147. Commends the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows to the Church and requests of the Classes, Congregations and Consistories that they gather contributions for it each year before October 1.

Item 9, pages 149 and 150. Commends the Young Peoples' Societies and calls the attention of Synods and Classes to this action.

Item 10 page 179. Has reference to the Sunday School Work and the work of the Sunday School Board, which is commended to the Synods and Classes.

Item 11, pages 199 and 200, 210 and 211. Resubmits the revised Constitution for action to the Classes, as provided for in the Constitution of the Church.

Item 12, page 204. Is a deliverance on the matter of apportionments, which is referred to Synods, Classes, Congregations and Consistories.

Item 13, page 205. Is a deliverance by General Synod on the rights of Congregations calling students to become their Pastors.

Item 14, page 207. Has reference to matters of Statistics and the attention of Synods is directed thereto.

Item 15, page 246. General Synod makes the following apportionments annually for the ensuing three years:

General Synod's Contingent this year.....\$ 50 00

Home Missions, annually.....	600 00
Harbor Missions, ".....	15 00
Hungarian Missions, ".....	100 00
German-English Missions.....	100 00
Foreign Missions.....	200 00

It is requested that one-third of the Contingent money be paid annually.

Item 16, page 250. Is a response to the request of this Synod that the Reformed Church Hymnal and Directory of Worship be bound in one volume.

Item 17, page 255. Commends all of our Literary institutions and the Reformed Church Herald to the prayers and support of Pastors and people.

Item 18, page 258. Commends to the Classes the celebration of the Sesqui Centennial of Michael Schlatter's Missionary tours, and the proposed \$100,000 fund for Church extension.

Item 19, page 259. Commends the Beneficiary Cause to Synods and Classes.

Item 20, page 167. The next meeting of General Synod will be held in the Second Reformed Church, of Tiffin, Ohio, on Tuesday after Whitsuntide, A. D., 1899, at 7:30 P. M.

Item 21, page . Commends the Foreign Mission cause, and asks that the whole of the apportionment be raised, besides free will offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE,

H. S. GEKELER,

A. F. KORE.

The action of Synod on this report was as follows: Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, adopted. Item 1, referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 9, adopted and on motion a Standing Committee on Y. P. S. C. E. is to be hereafter appointed by this Synod. Item 11 was adopted and the attention of the Classes is hereby called to the specific instructions given by the General Synod on the matter of voting and reporting result, on the new constitution. Item 12 was adopted

and on motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to have those deliverances printed in these Minutes. See below. Item 14, adopted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have blanks prepared in accordance with the requirements of General Synod and supply the Pastors with said blanks. Item 15 was adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance with the instructions to apportion 50 cents per member for Home Missions instead of the \$600 called for by the General Synod. Item 16 was adopted with instructions to the Corresponding Secretary to communicate with the Chairman of the Hymnal Committee urging early action to give us a combined book. The report was adopted as a whole.

The deliverances above referred to are as follows:

Resolved, That this Synod deems it inexpedient to repeal the decision referred to, viz; (a) "That no Consistory or other Judiciary has any right to alienate any funds from the purpose for which they are contributed." (b) "That the Consistories have the undoubted right to designate the direction which benevolent funds in their hands shall take when not specially designated by the donors."

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that apportionments are not a tax to be extorted from the people, but an estimate of the amount needed to carry forward the various benevolent operations of the Church, and that Synods, Classes, Consistories and Congregations should heartily co-operate with the General Synod in carrying forward the work to which the Church is committed, through its Mission and other Boards.

Resolved, That these Judicatories and Congregations which disapprove of apportionments, are hereby requested to see to it, that the free will offerings of their people do not fall below the estimated amounts needed from them by the established Boards of the Church.

ARTICLE IX

OVERTURES.

Report of the Committee on Overtures.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report that the following papers and communications have been received:

Item 1. Requests for excuse from Revs. F. H. Fisher, S. Ream, H. Shumaker, D. A. Winters and Bruce Griffith; and Elders W. A. Kifer, J. H. Brown, Philip Smith, Fred Isely, J. P. Fishburn, James Edelman, S. Herst, John Zollinger, F. Unangst, Jas. Stauffer and Jas. Hutmacher.

Item 2. Communication from Rev. H. King, suggesting a "Plan for Beneficiary Educational Endowment."

Item 3. Tri-ennial and Annual Statements of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 4. Communication from Dr. Callender, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 5. Communication from the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church.

Item 6. Prospectus of College of Northern Illinois.

Item 7. Overture from Illinois Classis, relating to the establishment of a Synodical Educational Institution.

Item 8. Communication from the Secretary of the American Bible Society.

Item 9. Communication from the American Anti-Slavery League.

Item 10. A copy of Reformed Church Tidings, with a letter from the managers.

Item 11. Excuses of Revs. D. B. Anderson, F. C. Bauman and J. F. Butler; and Elder A. Cort.

Item 12. Resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

Item 13. Communication from Supt. Fouse, calling attention to deficit in the treasury of the Home Mission Board.

Item 14. Communication from Supt. Fouse in reference to Chicago Mission.

Item 15. Communication from Consistory of Lone Tree charge.

Item 16. Communication with an Overture from Illinois Classis.

Item 17. Excuse of Rev. S. Shaw.

Very respectfully,

H. L. BEAM,

J. W. ALSPACH,

A. F. KORF.

The action of the Synod on the above items were as follows:

Items 1, 11 and 17, adopted and the excuses were granted as requested. Items 2, 6 and 7, referred to the Committee on Education. Item 3, referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Shuey and Blosser, and Elder Scheib. For their report see Miscellaneous. Items 4, 12, 13 and 14, referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 5, referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. Item 8, referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Kendig and Lewis and Elder Korf. See Miscellaneous for their report.

Item 9, referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Casselman and Beam and Elder Whitesell. Item 10, referred to the Committee on Publication. Item 15 referred to the Board of Missions. Item 16, adopted. See Miscellaneous.

Report adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Report of the Fraternal Delegate to the German Synod of the Northwest.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:— The pleasant duties of paternal delegate from the Synod of the Interior to the German Synod of the

Northwest has been attended to at the recent meeting of the latter Synod at Terre Haute, Ind. We were very kindly received, and the response of President Kuelling to our greeting was full of feeling. In response to our request for the establishment of corresponding relations the Synod unanimously decided to enter upon such relation. We would suggest that in selecting our delegate we keep in mind the fact that one speaking German can be especially valuable in gaining the heart and hearing of our German brethren. The expense incurred in attending to this duty was \$13.75.

Respectfully,

H. S. GEKELER.

This report was adopted and an order for \$13.75 was drawn on the Treasurer to defray the travelling expenses of the delegate. For election of fraternal delegates see Election of Boards.

ARTICLE XI.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes made the following report which was considered by items:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee has examined the Minutes of the several Classes in the form submitted to us and would report the following items:

IRREGULARITIES.

1. Iowa Classis held an adjourned meeting without opening or closing with devotional services.
2. Lincoln Classis did business without a quorum, and asks Synod to ratify their work.

REFERENCES.

3. Illinois Classis calls Synods attention to certain statistics.

4. A resolution of Illinois Classis in regard to the subscription of the Reformed Church Herald.

5. Kansas Classis resolves to pay Synods claim of \$32.17 of delinquent contingent fund as soon as Rev. Novinger pays his debt to Classis.

6. All recommendations and appropriations were adopted by the several Classes.

ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSALS.

7. Illinois Classis received Rev. A. S. Dechant from Mercesburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

8. Iowa Classis received Rev. R. R. Sackey from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio; dismissed Rev. F. M. Shultz to Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod.

9. Kansas Classis received Rev. A. Casselman from Wichita Classis, and Rev. H. Tesnow from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, received Licentiate E. C. Osthoff from Germany and ordained him.

10. Wichita Classis received Rev. J. R. Lewis from Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Rev. A. Casselman to Kansas Classis, and Rev. A. R. Holshauser to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio.

11. Lincoln Classis received Rev. D. A. Winter from Kansas Classis, and dismissed Rev. Parley E. Zartman to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. E. Erb to the Nebraska Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF CLASSIS.

12. Illinois Classis meets in Amity Reformed Church, Orangeville, Ill., Friday, June 18, 1897, at 7:30 P. M., Rev. C. F. Althouse, Pres., Rev. H. L. Beam, Stated Clerk, Rev. J. Sechler, Treas.

13. Iowa Classis Meets at Lisbon, the first Wednesday in June, 1897, at 8 P. M., Rev. L. P. Krome; Pres., Rev. D. H. Fouse, Stated Clerk, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Treas.

14. Kansas Classis meets in Bethany Reformed Church,

Hiawatha, Kansas, on the third Thursday after Easter, 1897, at 8 P. M., Rev. J. W. Love, Pres. and Treas., Rev. H. S. Gekeler, Stated Clerk.

15. Wichita Classis meets in the Reformed Church, White-water, Kansas, Wednesday before full moon in May, May 12, 1897, at 8 P. M., Rev. Bruce Griffith, Pres., Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk and Treas.

16. Lincoln Classis meets in Ursinus Reformed Church, Woodbury County, Iowa, Thursday before full moon in June, 1897, at 8 P. M., Rev. D. A. Winter, Pres., Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Stated Clerk and Treas.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN,
GEO. P. HARTZELL,
WM. GLASSER.

The action on the above Report is as follows:

Item 1 adopted and the request granted. Items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 adopted. Item 5 was adopted and the Kansas Classis is requested to pay the contingent due this Synod, without any conditions. Report adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Report of the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would respectfully report that no candidates presented themselves for Examination and Licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. MAYER,
L. P. KROME,
P. SCHEIB.

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

(This Report is missing.)

This Report was adopted. For statistics see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Board of the Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The Board met after the election at the Synod at Abilene, Kansas, and organized by the election of Rev. J. M. Kendig as President, and for Secretary, Rev. S. Ream. Inasmuch as all funds for Missions are now paid to the Treasurer of Synod no Treasurer was elected.

In accordance with an action of Synod an Executive Committee was created, consisting of the President, Secretary, and Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

No meetings were held by the Board during the year and consequently no business transacted. The efficient work done by the General Board, has for the present at least, rendered any work by this board unnecessary. Having no funds at hand, and possessing at most only advisory power, there seemed to be no necessity for any meetings during the year.

We are glad, however, to report that a great deal of good work has been done during the year, and if the Church will provide the General Board with sufficient funds the progress in the future will be rapid and the results encouraging to all.

Rev. A. S. Dechant, Superintendent of Missions for this Synod, has entered upon the duties of his office. We hope his own aspirations in regard to the work in his hands will be realized. We bespeak for him the sympathy and prayers, and

the efficient help he needs from the entire Synod and the people we represent.

A request from the Lone Tree Charge for help has come to us. As we have already said this Board has no money in hand, it is, therefore, not in our power to help directly, but we recommend the charge to the favorable consideration of the General Board.

The officers for the ensuing year are, President, Rev. J. M. Kendig, Secretary, Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

In behalf of the minority of the Board this report is submitted,

J. M. KENDIG, Pres.,
T. F. STAUFFER.

WHEREAS: The General Synod at its meeting in Dayton, Ohio, voted an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Extension Work of the Church, the same to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund, and

WHEREAS: This matter has been referred to this Board to devise ways and means to establish said Fund, and

WHEREAS: It is exceedingly important that this work should be inaugurated as quickly as possible, therefore be it

Resolved, (1) That the importance of establishing this Fund at once be brought before the Classes for immediate favorable action, and that the Classes be requested to commend this worthy object to their congregations, asking that in every way possible funds be raised for this important work.

Resolved, (2) That the Superintendent make such arrangements and devise such plans as may seem best, in order to reach all the Pastors and the charges, and present to them the claims of this much needed Fund.

Resolved, (3) That the Superintendent be especially directed to seek out persons who are able, and have them endow Funds of \$500 or more, or, where it can be done, have a number of persons combine in the endowment of such Funds.

Resolved, (4) That as the need of these Funds is very urgent the Superintendent be directed to push their accumulation with all possible vigor.

The Board furthermore recommends the following program for the Sesqui Centinennial Celebration of Michael Schlatter's Missionary Tours, or such adaptation of it as may be practicable during 1897. This program to be used in Congregational and Classical Conventions.

1. Address of Welcome.
2. History of the Reformed Church and its Extension in America.
3. Life and Labors of Michael Schlatter
4. Characteristics of the Germans and Their Relations to the Reformed Church in the United States
5. Local History.
6. Pastoral Reminiscences.
7. The Present Condition and Future Prospects of the Reformed Church in this Country.
8. The Imperative Need of a Large Available Church Building Fund With Which to aid in Securing Proper Locations in our Large and Growing Cities.

The last subject should be followed by a challenge for Church Building Funds, or generous contributions for the object.

Official action of Board at its meeting at Pittsburg, Pa., October 7, 1896.

The Board hereby notifies the Synods that the Board is in a critical condition with its finances, being now \$11,000 in debt. The Board can not continue the borrowing of money, and requests the Church to come to its rescue in the present crisis. The request is made, furthermore, that the apportionments be paid in such a way that the quarterly payments may be made to the Missionaries promptly as the quarters become due.

D. S. FORSE, Missionary Superintendent.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 8, 1896.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions at its meeting held at Pittsburg, Pa., October 7, 1896, passed

action earnestly requesting the Synods to pay at once the sums still due the Chicago Chapel. The Synod of the Interior still owes \$163.

D. S. FOUSE, Missionary Superintendent.
Pittsburg, Pa., October 8, 1896.

To the Interior Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully beg leave to present to your Reverend body, its usual annual statement of the condition and prospects of its work in the Empire of Japan. It is happy in being able to say that the favorable aspect of affairs as resulting from the late war with China, in the abatement of the hostile feeling towards foreigners, and the emergence of a more tolerant sentiment in relation to Christianity, has grown more pronounced during the last year. The favorable provisions of the revised treaties, which however, do not go into effect until 1899, are to a considerable extent discounted, and missionaries are allowed privileges of travel, etc., which a rigid exaction of existing laws would prohibit. The unswerving patriotism of the Christian soldiers, the manifold activities in works of charity and humanity displayed by the Missionaries and native Christians, called into illustration by the war, have served as a challenge, and have begotten a spirit of thoughtful consideration among the people, which is securing a less prejudiced estimate of the claims of our holy religion. A change in this respect is discernable among the middle and upper classes, and the preached gospel is given a wider hearing.

On the other hand, an evil effect of the war and its excitements, was to divert the attention of many professing Christians from their religion, and not a few have turned aside. So that the Churches purging their rolls, find their numbers no greater than they were before the war, while the accessions of new converts have not materially abated. The assurance in the case however, is that the present membership is made up of

tried and approved material. The winnowing has consequently resulted in no considerable diminution of numbers.

Our schools are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, has to a slight degree felt the effects of the competition of the Government schools, which are of a high order. But the number of candidates for the ministry has not decreased, notwithstanding the yearly outgoing of the graduating classes. This last year four have graduated from the Theological Department. The Girls' School continues full, and the number of scholars might be increased had we the means and the room for them.

In consequence of the widening of our field, and the importance of keeping in as close touch to it as possible, in the near future our Missionary force will be distributed among four stations. Rev. Dr. Moore has, perhaps by this time, removed to Tokyo, the southern extremity of our field. Rev. S. S. Snyder will locate in the Hokkaido, the extreme northern part. Rev. H. K. Miller will go to Yamagata, in the western section, while Revs. Hoy, Schneder, and Noss will remain in Sendai.

The Statistical Report for 1895-96 exhibits the following: Organized Churches 6, Self-supporting Churches 5, Preaching Stations 50, Baptisms 197, Members 1935, Sunday Schools 39, Sunday School Scholars 1618, Native Ministers 12, Unordained Preachers 27, Contributions for all purposes \$2,470.75.

The establishment of a new Mission in some other country than Japan, as directed by General Synod at its late meeting, is receiving the attention of the Board. Inquiries are being made and facts gathered. When a conclusion has been reached, it will be announced to the church.

The finances of the Board have, during the past year been in a healthy condition. The receipts have been adequate to its needs. For the last few month, however, there has been a falling off, for the arrest of which the Board most respectfully requests the prompt action of your Reverend body. The amount apportioned by General Synod is the same per annum as for the last three years. The reason why the establishment of a new

Mission did not require an enlargement of the sum, was the fact that the W. M. S. G. S. has assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. The amount of receipts reported last year, however, includes what was paid for the Girls' School by the Woman's Society, so that the sum needed for the coming year will include an additional amount sufficient to establish the new Mission, namely, the full sum appropriated by the General Synod. This sum is \$35,000 per year for the next three years. It is of prime importance that that full sum should be paid into the treasury, if the Board would be enabled to establish the new Mission.

The Board would therefore urgently request your Reverend body to assume the full amount assigned you by General Synod, apportion it to the several Classes, and adopt such action as will ensure its realization.

By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, Secretary.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., September 16, 1896.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Missions have carefully considered all items referred to them. From these we learn that our work in the Foreign field is in a very prosperous condition. Our people have heard the Macedonian cry and are responding.

In the Home field we gladly note that the Board, the Superintendents, and the Missionaries have done faithful work, and so far as it was in their power our Home Missions have been an excellent success. But we are sorry to say that the Church has not sustained its faithful servants as they have deserved. Apportionments have not all been paid and free will offerings have not been so plentiful as might have been in some sections.

In view of the entire work we suggest the following: be it Resolved, 1. That in our Foreign Work, if it be possible, we

improve on a successful past, that we may enjoy God's richest blessings.

2. That the Chicago Mission be again commended to the liberality of our people, and that we urge upon charges that have not contributed liberally to the fund for Chicago Chapel within the past year, that they do so at once, and forward their contribution to the proper authorities within thirty days; that our pledge for \$500, made a year ago, and of which \$161.91 is still unpaid, may be redeemed as soon as possible, and that the Corresponding Secretary have this item published in the Herald.

3. That the Board of this Synod, or its Executive Committee be instructed to hold a meeting before the annual meeting of the General Board in April, and to urge upon the General Board such points and such work as may seem important to the work in this Synod.

4. That the request of the General Board of Home Missions in regard to the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund be granted in full, and that the Classes be instructed to observe the Board's recommendation in regard Missionary Tours, and Classical and Congregational Conventions.

5. That this Synod recognize the faithful work done by Rev. D. B. Shuey while Superintendent of Missions, a time of beginnings, a time of difficulties, a time when faithful work must, to considerable extent, remain unseen.

6. That we give the new Superintendent, Rev. A. S. Dechant, the support due the work to which he has been called.

H. C. BLOSSER,
H. S. GEKELER,
A. F. KORF.

This Report was considered by items. Each item was adopted separately, and then the Report was adopted as a whole. The paper from the General Board calling attention to the critical financial condition was adopted and the attention of Pastors and people called to it.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

HOME MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS		
Oct.	Balance in treasury	\$ 45 00	Oct		\$ 54 32
	Kansas Classis	69 00	"		24 26
	Iowa	19 00	Nov		82 36
	Illinois	24 26	"		53 00
Nov	Wichita	7 13	Dec		85 23
	Iowa	82 36	Jan		102 25
Dec	Illinois	5 00	Feb		74 93
	Kansas	20 00	Mar		73 76
	Lincoln	13 10	"		61 26
Jan	Illinois	28 04	"		19 57
	Kansas	45 05	"		104 50
	Wichita	18 30	Apl		20 00
	Lincoln	5 86	"		5 30
Feb	Illinois	27 61	"		108 77
	Iowa	66 53	"		11 02
	Wichita	6 25	May		24 63
	Collection in Synod	74 93	"		55 29
Mar	Iowa	178 26	July		52 04
	Kansas	15 90	Sept		135 85
	Wichita	31 07	"		80 78
Apl	Illinois	22 87	Oct		20 19
	Iowa	11 02	"		99 53
	Kansas	73 31	Feb'y		66 53
	Wichita	44 93	Balance		9 90
	Lincoln	20 00			
May	Illinois	7 99	Total		\$1,425 27
	Kansas	18 35			
	Wichita	53 10			
July	Illinois	92 15			
Aug	Illinois	23 99			
	Kansas	12 37			
	Iowa	52 04			
Sept	Illinois	35 63			
	Wichita	31 71			
	Kansas	13 44			
Oct	Illinois	20 19			
	Iowa	99 53			
	Kansas	10 00			
Total.		\$1,425 27			

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENT.		
Oct	Iowa Classis	\$ 10 08	Oct		\$ 5 66
Nov	Balance A. Casselman	46	"		10 08
	Iowa	5 60	Nov		15 64
	Synod Collection	45 64	Jan		26 84
Jan	Illinois	14 42	Mar		36 86
	Iowa	10 00	May		80 98
	Kansas	9 56	Oct		10 60
	Wichita	1 04	Mar		7 92
Feb	Illinois	9 02	Balance		5 00
	Balance A. Casselman	7 72			
	Iowa	5 56	Total		\$ 259 52
	Wichita	5 00			

Apl	Illinois	9 76
	Iowa	18 32
	Kansas	14 77
	Wichita	7 97
May	Illinois	4 80
	Iowa	15 74
	Wichita	15 36
June	Illinois	11 28
	Kansas	5 00
Aug	Kansas	5 00
Sep	Illinois	4 00
	Iowa	10 50
Mar	Iowa	7 92
Oct	Kansas	5 00
Total...		\$ 259 52

HUNGARIAN MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
Nov	Iowa	\$ 3 78	Nov	Jas T Reber	\$ 3 78
	Balance A. Casselman	1 00	Mar		5 22
Jan	Wichita	46			14 78
	Illinois	4 58			1 89
	Kansas	3 75	Apl		15 15
Feb	Illinois	4 99	May		6 26
Mar	Iowa	5 22		D S Fouse, Supt	7 35
	Wichita	1 89	Oct		1 77
Apl	Illinois	2 77			
	Kansas	9 40	Total		56 14
	Wichita	2 98			
May	Illinois	1 21			
	Iowa	7 35			
	Wichita	5 26			
Sep	Illinois	1 50			
Total...		56 14			

HARBOR MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
May	Wichita	\$ 21	Oct	Jas T Reber	\$ 4 21
Sep	Illinois	00			
Total...		1 21			

REFORMED CHURCH HERALD FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
May	Wichita	\$ 74	Il S Gekeler	\$ 40 00	
	Iowa	42 00	Balance	2 74	
Total...		116 74	Total...	42 74	

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
Dec	Illinois	\$ 3 43	Jan	Dr J W Love	\$ 3 43
Jan	Illinois	2 88	Feb		34 15

Iowa	28 65	Mar	5 13
Kansas	5 50		9 08
Feb Illinois	6 20	Apl	14 15
Mar Kansas	5 13	May	18 35
Wichita	2 70		15 55
Apl Illinois	11 40	Sep	10 60
Kansas	11 15	Oct	3 20
Wichita	1 25		
May Illinois	3 00	Total	113 64
Iowa	15 55		
Wichita	7 60		
Oct Kansas	3 20		
Total	113 64		

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD FUND.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
July	Kansas \$ 3 35	July	J H Bomberger \$ 9 72
	Wichita 6 37		4 81
	Illinois 4 81	Oct	21 09
Aug	Illinois 4 71		
Sep	Iowa 12 00	Total	35 62
	Kansas 3 00		
	Wichita 1 35		
Total	35 62		

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENT	
Oct	Balance on hand \$ 10 00	Feb	D S Fonse, D D \$ 25 63
Nov	Balance A. Casselman 53	Apl	51 00
Dec	Illinois 4 26	May	5 00
Jan	Illinois 2 12	June	46 31
	Kansas 6 42	Aug	Mrs Guthrie 5 00
Feb	Illinois 2 31	Sep	14 97
Mar	Wichita 84		
Apl	Illinois 12 35	Total	147 92
	Iowa 51 00		
	Kansas 10 32		
	Wichita 7 50		
May	Illinois 6 09		
	Iowa 5 00		
	Wichita 9 21		
Aug	Illinois 6 24		
	Kansas 13 73		
Total	\$ 147 92		

CHICAGO MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Nov	Wichita \$ 1 00	Dec	J M Kendig, D D \$ 1 00
Jan	Kansas 4 00	Feb	4 00
Mar	Kansas 10 00	Mar	10 00
Apl	Kansas 2 00	May	7 00
May	Iowa 5 00		
Total	22 00	Total	22 00

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
Oct	Balance on hand,	\$ 142 77	Oct	D B Shuey, printing	\$ 6 45
	Iowa	44 20		W H Hoon,	6 00
Jan	Kansas	6 03	Nov	Treasurer	1 00
Feb	Kansas	19 55	Dec	D B Shuey, printing	80 00
Apl	Kansas	30 78		D B Shuey, salary	50 00
May	Illinois	21 33	Feb	H S Gekeler	40 00
Oct	Illinois	19 22	May	Gen Synod	60 00
			Sep	H S Gekeler	40 00
				Telegram	1 10
	Total	283 88		Total	284 55
				Deficit	67

WICHITA UNIVERSITY FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
Oct	Balance on hand	\$ 31 54	Oct	Balance	\$ 31 54

ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
Jan	Wichita	\$ 6 72	Jan	Zoar	\$ 1 68
	Kansas	5 00		Bethany	1 68
Feb	Wichita	3 29		Reformed	1 68
Mar	Iowa	8 50		St Paul's	2 68
June	Kansas	1 80		St Paul's	8 50
	Total	25 41	May	St Paul's	8 39
			June	Reformed	1 80
				Total	26 41

RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS FUND.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
Jan	Rev D B Shuey	\$ 5 00	Jan	Rev S S Miller	\$ 10 00
Mar	Rev D B Shuey	5 00	Apl		21 57
Apl	Illinois	22 57	Aug		3 50
Aug	Iowa	3 50	Oct		13 98
Sep	Wichita	12 98		Total	49 05
	Total	49 05			

MISCELLANEOUS.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
May	Kansas	\$ 1 42	May	Kansas	\$ 1 42
	Kansas	6 00		C J Musser	6 00
	Total	7 42		Total	7 42

HOME MISSION FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....		82 36		7 13		
December.....	5 00	19 00	20 00		13 10	
January.....	28 01		15 05	18 30	5 86	
February.....	27 61	66 53	3 10	6 25		
March.....		178 26	15 90	31 07		
April.....	22 87	11 02	73 31	11 93	20 00	
May.....	7 99		18 35	53 10		
June.....						
July.....	92 15	52 01				
August.....	23 90		12 37			
September.....	35 63		13 14	17 36		
October.....	14 15	99 53	10 00	11 35		
Total.....	287 73	308 74	277 42	192 49	38 96	

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....		5 60				
December.....						
January.....	11 42	10 00	9 56	1 04		
February.....	9 02	5 56		5 00		
March.....		7 92				
April.....	9 76	18 32	14 77	7 91		
May.....	1 80	15 74		15 36		
June.....			5 00			
July.....	11 28					
August.....			5 00			
September.....	4 00	10 50				
October.....		10 08	5 00			
Total.....	53 28	83 72	39 33	29 31		

HUNGARIAN MISSION FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....		3 78				
December.....						
January.....	1 58		3 75		46	
February.....	1 99					
March.....		5 22			1 89	
April.....	2 77		9 40		2 98	
May.....	1 21	7 35			5 26	
June.....						
July.....						
August.....						
September.....	1 50					
October.....						
Total.....	15 05	16 35	13 15		10 59	

CONTINGENT FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....						
January.....			6 03			
February.....				19 55		
March.....						
April.....			30 78			
May.....	21 33					
June.....						
July.....						
August.....						
September.....						
October.....	16 22	41 20				
Total.....	40 55	41 20	36 81	19 55		

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....	1 26					
January.....	2 12		6 42			
February.....	2 31					
March.....					84	
April.....	12 35	51 00	10 32	7 50		
May.....	6 09	5 00		9 21		
June.....						
July.....						
August.....	6 24		13 73			
September.....						
October.....						
Total.....	33 37	56 00	30 47	17 55		

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....	3 43					
January.....	2 88	28 05	5 50			
February.....	6 20					
March.....			5 13	2 70		
April.....	11 10		14 15	4 25		
May.....	3 00	15 55		7 60		
June.....						
July.....						
August.....						
September.....						
October.....			3 20			
Total.....	26 91	44 20	27 98	14 55		

HARBOR MISSION FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....						
January.....						
February.....						
March.....						
April.....						
May.....					21	
June.....						
July.....						
August.....						
September.....	1 00					
October.....						
Total.....	1 00				21	

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....						
January.....						
February.....						
March.....						
April.....						
May.....						
June.....			3 35	6 37		
July.....	4 81					
August.....	1 74					
September.....			3 00	1 35		
October.....		12 00				
Total.....	9 55	12 00	6 35	7 72		

RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....						
January.....				5 00		
February.....						
March.....				5 00		
April.....	22 57					
May.....						
June.....						
July.....						
August.....		3 50				
September.....						
October.....					12 98	
Total.....	22 57	3 50			22 98	

CHICAGO MISSION FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....				1 00		
December.....						
January.....			1 00			
February.....						
March.....			10 00			
April.....			2 00			
May.....		5 00				
June.....						
July.....						
August.....						
September.....						
October.....						
Total.....		5 00	16 00	1 00		

REFORMED CHURCH HERALD FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....						
January.....						
February.....						
March.....						
April.....						
May.....					74	
June.....		42 00				
July.....						
August.....						
September.....						
October.....						
Total.....		42 00			74	

ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....						
January.....			5 00	6 72		
February.....				3 39		
March.....		8 50				
April.....						
May.....						
June.....			1 80			
July.....						
August.....						
September.....						
October.....						
Total.....		8 50	6 80	10 11		

MISCELLANEOUS.

DATE	ILLINOIS	IOWA	KANSAS	WICHITA	LINCOLN	TOTAL
November.....						
December.....						
January.....						
February.....						
March.....						
April.....						
May.....			1 42			
June.....			6 00			
July.....						
August.....						
September.....						
October.....						
Total.....			7 42			

SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Apportionment.	Paid.	Delinquency.	Over-Paid.	Balance.
Home Missions.					
Illinois.....	413 60	287 73	125 87		Bal on hand..... 45 00
Iowa.....	150 85	508 74		57 89	At Synod..... 74 93
Kansas.....	332 00	277 42	54 58		Paid by all the
Wichita.....	199 40	192 49	6 91		Classes..... 1305 34
Lincoln.....	116 00	18 96	77 04		
Total.....	1511 85	1305 34	264 40	57 89	1125 27
Foreign Missions					
Illinois.....	64 80	53 28	11 52		Bal on hand..... 8 48
Iowa.....	70 75	83 72		12 97	Rev. Hoy..... 45 64
Kansas.....	52 20	29 33	12 87		Paid by all the
Wichita.....	31 30	29 37	1 93		Classes..... 205 70
Lincoln.....	18 30		18 40		
Total.....	237 35	205 70	44 62	12 97	259 52
Church Extens'n.					
Illinois.....	48 70	33 37	15 33		Bal on hand..... 10 53
Iowa.....	53 05	56 00		2 95	Paid by all the
Kansas.....	39 00	30 17	8 53		Classes..... 137 39
Wichita.....	23 45	17 55	5 90		
Lincoln.....	17 75		13 75		
Total.....	177 95	137 39	43 51	2 95	147 92
Hungarian Miss's					
Illinois.....	24 05	15 05	9 60		Bal on hand..... 1 00
Iowa.....	26 85	16 35	10 50		Paid by all the
Kansas.....	19 80	13 15	6 65		Classes..... 55 14
Wichita.....	11 90	10 59	1 31		
Lincoln.....	6 55		6 95		
Total.....	90 15	55 14	35 01		56 14

CLASSES.	Apportionment.	Paid.	Delinquency.	Over-Paid.	Balance.
Harbor Missions.					
Illinois	8 15	1 00	7 15		
Iowa.....	8 85		8 85		
Kansas.....	6 50		6 50		
Wichita.....	3 90	21	3 69		
Lincoln.....	2 30		2 30		
Total.....	29 70	1 21	28 49		
Beneficiary Ed.					
Illinois.....	40 55	26 91	13 64		
Iowa.....	44 20	44 20			
Kansas.....	32 55	24 78	7 77		
Wichita.....	19 55	14 55	5 00		
Lincoln.....	11 45		11 45		
Total.....	148 30	110 44	37 86		
Contingent Fund.					
Illinois.....	40 55	40 55			
Iowa.....	44 20	44 20			
Kansas.....	32 55	35 81			
“ old app	32 17	3 20	27 91		
Wichita.....	19 55	19 55			
Lincoln.....	11 45		11 45		
Total.....	180 47	141 11	39 36		
Church Herald.					
Illinois.....	33 00		38 00		
Iowa.....	42 00	42 00			
Kansas.....	25 00		25 00		
Wichita.....	12 00		11 26		
Lincoln.....	8 00		8 00		
Total.....	125 00	42 74	82 26		

WHOLE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID BY CLASSES.

Illinois.....	* 800 01
Iowa.....	824 21
Kansas.....	196 06
Wichita.....	326 86
Lincoln.....	38 96
Total.....	2176 10

This Report was referred to the Committee on Finance for auditing.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Finance recommend for your approval the following:

1. That the reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Beneficiary Education be adopted; the same having been examined with vouchers and found correct.

2. That the apportionments for the ensuing year per member, average as follows: Home Missions 50 cents, Hungarian Missions $3\frac{1}{3}$ cents, German Missions $3\frac{1}{3}$ cents, Foreign Missions $6\frac{1}{3}$ cents, Church Extension 6 cents, Beneficiary Education 5 cents, Contingent Fund $6\frac{2}{3}$ cents, Deficiency on Herald $3\frac{1}{3}$ cents, Christian Education 5 cents, total $89\frac{1}{3}$ cents.

3. That Classes be directed to see that collections or offering be made annually by our congregations for the Orphans' Cause, for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and Their Wives, and for the Sunday School Work of the General Synods Board.

4. That Classes urge upon their charges to collect and pay over quarterly funds appropriated for benevolence to their several Treasuries, and that Treasurers of Classes be required to publish quarterly statements in the Reformed Church Herald, of all monies received by them during each quarter.

CLASSES.	No. of Members.	Home Missions—50 Cents.	Hungarian Missions— $3\frac{1}{3}$ Cents.	German Missions— $3\frac{1}{3}$ Cents.	Foreign Missions— $6\frac{1}{3}$ Cents.	Church Extension—6 Cents.	Beneficiary Education—5 Cents.	Contingent Fund— $6\frac{2}{3}$ Cents.	Deficiency on Herald— $3\frac{1}{3}$ Cents.	Christian Education—5 Cents.	Total— $89\frac{1}{3}$ Cents.
Illinois.....	875	\$ 438 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 52 00	\$ 44 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 44 00	\$ 781 00
Iowa.....	865	433 00	29 00	29 00	58 00	52 00	44 00	58 00	29 00	44 00	776 00
Kansas.....	652	326 00	23 00	23 00	44 00	40 00	34 00	44 00	23 00	34 00	591 00
Wichita.....	366	180 00	12 00	12 00	25 00	22 00	18 00	25 00	12 00	18 00	316 00
Lincoln.....	240	120 00	7 00	7 00	15 00	14 00	10 00	15 00	7 00	10 00	205 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE,

S. P. HARRINGTON,

P. SCHEIB.

This Report was considered by items and each item was adopted and the report as a whole was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay out of the

Contingent Fund, the apportionment for Harbor Missions, and that this be a standing rule of the Synod.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Otis parsonage, the only property owned by this Synod, was vacant from April 15 to July 4 and the rent was then reduced from \$4.00 to \$3.50 per month.

There was a balance on hand a year ago including loans of\$140 52
Rents received during the year..... 31 00

Total.....\$171 52

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Paid window lights.....\$ 1 20

Water rent 1 30

2 50

Balance on hand.....\$169 02

The account of the Treasurer was audited and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The affairs of the institution have not changed for the better during the past year. We have complied with Synods request and have managed the finances to the best of our ability, and have been able to reduce our indebtedness to our former Profs. Kemp and Heller, to the amount of \$300.

We would have been able to still further reduce this indebtedness if it had not been for the suit pending in the Federal Court, brought against our Board by the endorsers of our mortgage in Reading, Pa. This constrained us to pay costs every time the Court met, for the case was heard and continued from one term to the next, without disposing of it finally.

Some time after the adjournment of our Synod last fall, we received a communication signed by the Hon. George F. Baer in behalf of the guarantors in which is the following:

We still think that the legal and moral obligation resting upon the Wichita University is to apply every dollar of property and assets, whether you call it Endowment Fund or not, in liquidation of this debt. After this is done, it will be time enough to discuss what further relief the guarantors should give you. For the present we decline, as we have heretofore declined, to accept a tender of the deed in satisfaction of the obligations we have incurred; and we also decline to accept the payments you suggest in full satisfaction of the mortgage.

If you gentlemen will secure, or co-operate with us in securing action of the three Synods, authorizing you to apply this money in payment of the debt to us, whatever balance remains unpaid we will cheerfully cancel; and then you will own the buildings and the grounds free from debt, and subject to the uses and purposes of the Synods for the future.

Yours truly,

GEO. F. BAER,

In behalf and with approval of guarantors.

At a meeting of the board held December 17, 1895, this proposition was fully considered, and the Board, as representatives of the Church and for its good only, could see no other course before it than to accept the offer. The following resolution was therefore adopted:

WHEREAS: The guarantors through Geo. F. Baer have submitted to us a proposition of compromise as reported in their letter of November 23, 1895, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees accept their proposi-

tion with the modifications as embodied in the following resolution: On motion

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Wichita University hereby tender the guarantors all the balance of the money in their hands rendered from the judgment of Sweiter et. al. after the professors and other claims against the University have been paid, and further

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees are ready to submit and recommend to the three Synods of the East and the Synod of the Interior the proposition of turning over to the guarantors, Geo. F. Baer and others, the balance of the Endowment Fund in our hands, or as much of it as shall be required to cancel the claim of said guarantors, and to transfer to the said guarantors said balance of the Endowment Fund if the Synod so direct, provided the said guarantors, in consideration of the above release said mortgage of \$10,000, with all interest on the same and waive all and every further claim against Wichita University and the Board of Trustees of the same.

Upon our request and to save further costs, the case in Court was permitted to rest, by the complainant, in view of the foregoing facts the whole matter is now submitted to you for your action as it may seem best in your wisdom.

Rev. A. S. Vaughn, D. D., with his family remained in the University building until February 6, 1896 when they moved to Arkansas, leaving our building in a very bad condition with the books and apparatus which had been in his care. The building has since been occupied by Mr. Franklin, who cleaned up the building and is now taking care of it. The books and instruments lost while in charge of Dr. Vaughn will likely never be recovered by us, which we very much regret.

The case in the District Court of Sedgwick county, of the University vs. the receiver and officers of the State National Bank, has been transferred to the Federal Court where it has not yet received a hearing.

As to the finances of the Endowment Fund, we would report the following changes from last years report:

The Lizzie Irwin loan of \$500 was paid off when due July 24, 1896, and a loan was made to J. E. Saffer for \$500, and the same was secured by first mortgage on an 80 acre farm in Lyon county, Kansas.

The J. F. Wallace loan of \$200 became due August 1, 1896. In as much as he was going to move away from Emporia, we refused to renew the loan, whereupon he offered to give us a warranty deed to the property if we would pay him \$50 and release the mortgage. Finding that it would cost \$50 to foreclose the mortgage, we deemed it advisable to take the property. It is worth more than \$300, and it is now rented at \$5.00 per month.

The Joshua Johnson property which we had a year ago in Emporia, we sold, realizing with rents \$240.63. This sale was made because the city raised the established grade of the street and filled it up which greatly damaged our property, and we would have been compelled to raise the house and fill up the lot, thus entailing heavy expense. It was better to sell at a sacrifice.

The \$300 in the hands of the Treasurer a year ago was loaned to Joel S. Stratten secured by mortgage on 80 acres of land near Reading, Kansas.

In the loans on properties at Wichita there is no difference from last years report, neither was there any interest on loans received by our Treasurer.

The assets of the Wichita University are as follows:

ENDOWMENT FUND—LOANS IN FORCE.

E. Bronson loan.....	\$ 125 00
E. C. Hartzell loan.....	250 00
Park Morse loan.....	400 00
Barbara Pease loan.....	450 00
W. M. Finch loan.....	800 00
C. C. Fees loan.....	200 00
J. A. Stratton loan.....	300 00
J. E. Saffer loan.....	500 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	340 63
J. E. Wootton loan.....	600 00
D. B. Walthall loan.....	750 00

\$ 5,015 63

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY.

Mattie Bates.....	\$ 259 00
Mattie Bates.....	250 00
C. S. Eicholtz.....	900 00
J. C. Bundy.....	175 00
H. S. Collett.....	300 00
J. F. Wallace.....	300 00
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	\$ 2,175 00
In hands of Receiver of State National Bank.....	2,532 00
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Total Assets.....	\$ 9,722 62

The \$132 in the Treasury of a year ago were paid to the eastern guarantors by direction of the Federal Court.

During the last year the Treasurer received:

For interest on loans.....	\$ 536 18
Paid Prof. E. L. Kemp.....	\$ 200 00
Paid Prof. C. E. Heller.....	100 00
Paid costs in Federal Court.....	46 15
Paid for incidentals.....	41 20
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	\$ 387 35
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Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 148 83

We nominate for members of the Board, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., J. Henry Brown, Col. T. D. Fouts, Rev. James R. Lewis, Rev. Charles D. Shaffer and J. F. Reese, three of whom are to be elected for five years.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, President.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Education except the nominations which were referred to the Committee on Nomination.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board held a meeting at Dayton, Ohio, in May last, at which the undersigned was elected President, and Rev. J. W. Alspach, Secretary, and Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., Treasurer. The Board has two students under its care

up to June last, viz: John B. Bloom, pursuing his studies at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and E. C. Steubi, who graduated at Sheboygan Mission House in June.

The former received \$100, and he continues under the care of the Board. The latter received \$50. He expects to take a post-graduate course in Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., and will support himself from this time on.

These young brethren promise well. They have good standing in their respective classes.

John H. Kamm, for several years under the care of the Board at Wichita University, does not see his way clear to go on with the completion of studies for want of financial support.

He has received from the Board in all, \$145.55, which, with interest to October 1896, would make our claim about \$162.00. We propose to collect it from him, or his bondsmen, as we shall be able. We believe the claim is collectable, and Mr. Kamm promises faithfully to pay in installments.

We are still in hopes of collecting at least one-half of what John Kelehner received some years ago, who also gave up his purpose of studying for the ministry.

Our claim against him is \$90.

We recommend that the Synod apportion five cents per member for this good cause, and that the Classes see that it is paid by their respective charges.

S. P. HARRINGTON, President.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Education except that part having reference to the apportionment which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

J. W. Love, in account with the Board of Beneficiary Education.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS	
Oct 22	Balance in Treasury.	Nov 7	John B. Bloom
Jan 5	Kansas Classis.	Jan 13	" " "
7	" " "	16	Ed C. Steubi
13	Iowa Classis	Feb 17	" " "
25	Illinois "	Apr 17	John B. Bloom

Oct 22	Balance in Treasury.	\$ 100 71
Jan 5	Kansas Classis.	3 00
7	" " "	2 00
13	Iowa Classis	28 65
25	Illinois "	3 43

Nov 7	John B. Bloom	\$ 25 00
Jan 13	" " "	28 65
16	Ed C. Steubi	10 00
Feb 17	" " "	15 00
Apr 17	John B. Bloom	21 75

27	Kansas	"	50	17	Ed C. Stenbi	25 00
Feb 5	"	"	2 65	May 6	John B. Bloom	15 55
9	"	"	2 48	21	" " "	12 21
14	Illinois	"	9 08		Balance	61 59
Apl 6	Kansas	"	5 75			
7	"	"	8 40			
May 7	Iowa	"	15 55	Total		\$ 214 35
10	"	"	18 35			
Sep 1	Wichita	"	7 60			
1	Illinois	"	3 00			
Oct 12	Kansas	"	3 20			
Total..			\$ 214 35			

Your Treasurer also holds in trust two bonds of former Beneficiary students; one from John Kelchner and sureties for \$90.00 with interest to date, and one from John H. Kamm for \$145.55 with interest to date. We hope to collect at least one-half of the first bond and all of the second. The Treasurer of Synod will report how much the several Classes have paid on their apportionments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE, Treasurer.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Finance for auditing.

A communication was received from Rev. Hiram King, relating to an Endowment Fund for Beneficiary Education. This was referred to the Committee on Education.

The following overture from Illinois Classis was read and referred to the Committee on Education:

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The following action was taken by the Illinois Classis at an adjourned meeting held in Edinburg, Ill., October 21, 1896:

Resolved, That Classis offer to dispose of the property of the College of Northern Illinois, at Dakota, Ill., and with Synod, establish an Academy at a more central point.

HENRY L. BEAM,

Stated Clerk Illinois Classis.

Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D., Financial Secretary of Heidelberg University, being present was invited to Address the Synod, and he presented the claims of that institution.

The Committee on Education afterwards made the following report which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your committee has examined carefully the various items and reports referred to it and begs leave to submit the following:

1. From the Board of Education we learn that two of our former beneficiaries have decided not to enter the ministry and have not yet returned to the Board the money they received.

RESOLVED, That we urge upon the Board to employ all justifiable means to have these young gentlemen—or their bondsmen—meet their obligation.

2. A communication came to us from Rev. Hiram King which presents a plan by which ministers shall make special efforts to aid beneficiaries from their own private resources. We do not deem it advisable to form such an association, nor do we think that an Endowment of this cause is the best way to stimulate our members to large gifts for Beneficiary Education. We believe the cause should especially appeal to ministers, and therefore commend it particularly to them in addition to the regular apportionment recommended by Synod to the Churches.

3. The report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University showed that the debt to Profs. Kemp and Heller has been reduced to the extent respectively of \$200 and \$100. In the settlement of the suit pending with the guarantors, this Synod approves the condition of the compromise as drawn up by the Board of Trustees.

4. In view of the declarations of the Potomac Synod reflecting upon the management of the University, we recommend to this Synod the adoption of the following resolutions: and that these resolutions shall be communicated to all our English Church papers for publication, to remove the misapprehensions under which some of our Eastern brethren labor.

WHEREAS, There seems to be considerable misunderstanding by brethren of the Potomac Synod in reference to actions of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, therefore, as a

matter of justice to that Board--the servant of this Synod,--we hereby put upon record the following brief statement in reference to the financial troubles of the institution:

First, In accepting bond from those who offered to guarantee a building fund of \$25,000, the Board had the bond prepared by a prominent lawyer, then Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Sedgwick county, Kansas, and had every reason to believe that it was properly drawn and was fully collectable.

Second, The Board received deeds for about twenty acres of land in fee simple, which deeds are perfectly valid, as a site for said University buildings.

Third, When the bondsmen of the Building Fund refused to comply with the terms of the bond, the Board of Trustees employed the best legal talent obtainable and did all in their power to collect the funds called for in the bond, and it is no fault of theirs that the funds were not collected.

Fourth, When an individual went to Pennsylvania to raise a loan of ten thousand dollars to pay off mechanics' liens against the building, etc., and represented himself as the authorized agent and attorney of the Board, he did not state the facts in the case, as he was simply authorized by the Treasurer of the Board, in an irregular way, to secure a loan on specific terms; and that the Board had no knowledge of said funds being guaranteed by friends of the Church in the East until nearly a year after the loan was made, and the funds were accepted.

Fifth, In making loans of the Endowment Funds entrusted to the Board, the investments were carefully made at the time, as any wise business man would have made them, but it is admitted that owing to depreciation of real estate which no one could foresee, considerable losses were sustained.

Sixth, We hold therefore that all reflections cast upon the Board as a Board for "mismanagement," "bungling," etc., are entirely gratuitous and unjust.

5. We are glad to learn of the prosperity of the College of Northern Illinois. Its attendance now is higher than it has ever been at this season of the year. President Beam and his co-

laborers deserve great credit for having given their energies to building up the only Educational Institution now in the English and Western part of our Church. We here record our recognition and appreciation of ~~his~~ great self-denial by which they have brought the institution into its present state.

6. We believe that the time has come to do more for the cause of Education than perfunctorily to commend the College of Northern Illinois. Illinois Classis expresses its willingness to unite its Classical interests with the Educational interests of our Synod. With that in view we hereby apportion five cents per member to the support of the College.

7. **RESOLVED,** Further that a Committee of one member from each Classis be appointed to investigate the advisability of locating a Synodical School. This Committee shall report its mature decision through the Reformed Church Herald at its earliest convenience, with a view to the future consideration and action of this Synod.

8. **RESOLVED,** That this Synod overture the General Synod to establish a Board of Aid for Academies and Colleges, the aim of which Board shall be to render the financial and administrative aid necessary to the proper sustentation of our weak and struggling Educational Institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. GEKELER,
J. W. LOVE.

This Report was considered by items. The various items were discussed and adopted after which the Report as a whole was adopted.

The Committee called for in item 7, consists of the following members of Synod: Illinois Classis, Rev. H. L. Beam; Iowa Classis, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.; Kansas Classis, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.; Wichita Classis, Rev. D. B. Shuey; Lincoln Classis, Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of the Board of General Synod.

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your attention to the General Sunday School Work will be called through the action of the General Synod on the subject.

It is with gratitude to God that we record the fact that since the meeting of the General Synod it has been possible to carry out its directions with respect to the consolidation and unification of Sunday School publications.

The Board of Publication of the three English Eastern Synods and the Reform Publication Company, Dayton, Ohio, loyal to the expressed wish of the Church, transferred their respective interests in the Sunday School Publications to General Synod's Sunday School Board. In each instance the action was taken with the utmost good will and unanimity. We believe every section of the Church will approve of this advance step.

The Board at a meeting held September 24, 1896, at Greensburg, Pa., carefully considered the duties of its enlarged field of operations.

Rev. C. R. Ferner was appointed Business Manager with the Eastern office at 1025 Arch Street, Philadelphia, and the Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio, were appointed the Western agents. The General Secretary continues to reside at Reading, Pa., and a plan for closer co-operation with the German Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, is in progress.

The Board decided to consolidate the several Sunday School papers; and January 1, 1897 will issue for the main department of the Sunday School, "Leaves of Light," as a weekly, with a semi-monthly and a monthly edition.

"Sunshine" will be issued weekly for the Primary Department. There will be added at the same time for the little children, a series of beautifully colored and finely executed picture cards, to be known as "Heidelberg Lesson Pictures," and for the entire school Heidelberg Picture Roll.

The Board appreciating the importance and value of aiding the teachers of the children and youth and of stimulating interest in Bible study and Sunday School Work, proposes to issue the Heidelberg Teacher as a monthly instead of a quarterly, thus giving fully one-third additional matter without increasing the cost of the subscription price. But to do this the Teacher must have a circulation of 10,000 copies. The present circulation is 6,100.

The Board has decided to sacredly use all Children's Day offerings for Sunday School Mission Work, and the extension of Reformed Schools. The Department of Publication will bear all expenses of administration, and will aid in the way of grants of literature. The field of Sunday School Missions is enlarging and calls to engage in the work are coming from every part of the Church.

In view of these facts the Board earnestly recommends the following for your consideration; and trusts that through the several Classes, Pastors, and Sunday Schools will have their attention called to the same.

1. Let every Reformed Sunday School be requested to use the Sunday School Lesson Helps and Sunday School papers, prepared and published by and for the Church. Denominational loyalty, the creation and improvement of a Reformed Church literature, and the extension of the Church alike requires it.

2. Let our Churches and Schools be urged to pay special attention to the teaching and training of little children in the Church School, in connection with the work in the Home, and Catechetical Class. And to end let the best aids and most approved appliances be used in the Primary Department.

3. Let it be understood that the work of Sunday School Mission depends for its support upon the offerings of Children's Day. The sanction of the General Synod, the growing needs of our Home Mission work, the economy and usefulness of Sunday School Missions as a factor in Church extension, are

few of the many cogent reasons in favor of larger offerings from every School of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, Gen. Sec'y.

C. CLEVER, President.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 1, 1896.

This report was referred to the Committee on Sunday School. For Sunday School Statistics see appendix.

Report of the Board of Sunday Schools Work.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Under the present arrangement of our Sunday School Work, by the Supervision of the General Secretary through the Classical Committees there is comparatively little for your Board to do except to summarize the results and make such suggestions as may seem to us best.

From the Statistical Tables and such other information as we have at hand it is apparent that there has been a most encouraging increase in nearly every column over that of last year. This speaks well for the activity and zeal of the Sunday School Workers within the bounds of this Synod but we believe that it is possible for us to reach still higher attainments in this department of our work.

To this end we recommend that special attention be given to all the details of Sunday School Work in the several Schools.

(a) That the organization be as complete and perfect as possible with the material at hand.

(b) That Class and School records be kept systematically and accurately.

(c) That regular and systematic giving be urged, with a liberal portion of the offerings for Benevolence.

(d) That the teaching force be the best available, spiritually as well as mentally.

(e) That for the securing of such a teaching force Normal Classes be organized wherever possible to include both teachers

and prospective teachers and to be conducted by the Pastor or some other competent person.

(f) That a Home Department be organized in every School.

(g) That a liberal supply of Helps be provided but that the Bible be used in the School as far as possible.

We believe that a uniform system of government and of School and Class records would prove of great benefit in many ways and would therefore recommend that the General Sunday School Board be overtured to provide a plain but brief Constitution and By Laws and adopt or recommend a system of School and Class records for general use in all our Schools.

We appreciate the value of the advancement made by the General Board, especially in regard to the various Sunday School publications, and would recommend that this Synod cheerfully acquiesce in all their recommendations and urge a liberal support by all of our Schools.

The Statistics of all the Classis except Wichita came into our hands and while more complete than formerly are still incomplete in some instances. We would urge that these statistics be made complete in every detail if possible.

We submit these statistics as a part of this report with the request that the Stated Clerk procure those from Wichita Classis and prepare the same for the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN, Pres.

D. F. BOMERSHINE, Secy.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. For Sunday School Statistics see Appendix.

Report of the Sunday School Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submit the following report for the consideration of Synod:

The Synod of the Interior is gratified to hear of the increased

activity of Sunday School Work within her bounds, and offer the following resolutions:

1. The adoption of the several recommendations of the Synodical Sunday School Board and that the Pastors of the several charges put into practice, as far as possible, these recommendations in the Sunday Schools in their respective charges.
2. The use of Reformed Sunday School Literature in our Sunday Schools.
3. Recommends the hand book which has been issued to the Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. LEWIS,
ABNER S. DECHANT,
A. F. KORF.

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

Report of H. S. Gekeler, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the Reformed Church Herald.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior,

DEAR BRETHREN:—My report on the conduct of the Reformed Church Herald for the year ending November 1, 1896, is as follows:

Total expenditures.....	\$ 364 75
Gross receipts... ..	\$ 325 00
Balance of uncollected subscriptions at beginning of year.	67 25
Net receipts.....	257 75
Balance due.....	107 00
Still unpaid from last year's pledge.....	105 00
Total balance due.....	\$212 00

There are upon our mailing list about 1,075 names, of these there are paid until January 1, 1897, about 630. The remainder

are exchanges for service, or delinquent. We have both our subscription books and cash books with us, which we shall be glad to submit to any member of Synod.

REFORMED CHURCH HERALD.

EXPENDITURES:

Second-class postage to Nov. 1, '96.....	24 50
Extra postage (forfeit on application for second-class postage).....	15 00
Robert Ducate, carrying mail to P. O.....	1 50
Expressage to General Synod.....	1 00
Car fare to Hiawatha.....	1 50
Car fare to Columbus Junction.....	8 00
Stewart, printing Herald.....	67 00
Todd, printing Herald.....	232 00
Rubber stamps.....	2 25
Stamps, postal cards, etc.....	12 00
Total.....	364 75

RECEIPTS:

Total receipts.....	\$ 325 00
Balance uncollected subscriptions and "ads".....	67 25
Total.....	257 75
Balance due.....	\$ 107 00

It is evident that the pledge of 1,000 subscriptions made by Synod one year ago has not been fulfilled. We still believe most firmly that the Reformed Church Herald is a great help to our Western Work, and that it can be made still more efficient. We have found it to be no light task to attend to the duties to which the office of editor-in-chief called us—and at the same time to build up one of the most important city Missions in our bounds. We cannot do both longer and not have the Mission suffer. We therefore beg your honorable body to relieve us from the onerous duties of editor and publisher.

We have consulted with our printer, Mr. Todd, on the coming year, and he agrees to continue printing the paper for \$6.00 per week. This sum covers cost of mailing as well. This is one-half what it cost a year ago. It has not been possible to get advertising in paying quantity. The income from this latter

source will about cover the cost of the paper and mailing. In face of this munificent offer we should see to it as Pastors that whatever printed matter is needed by our Congregation, Classes and Synod, should be given to Mr. Todd as remuneration in part for the work he is doing for us. We believe that this Synod should award him the contract of printing its Minutes. The cost of publishing the Herald for the coming year would therefore be \$312. Allowing necessary expense for incidentals, we should plan the actual cost for next year at \$325. Our Synod can afford to pledge that amount of support, and if necessary, pay any shortage out of its Contingent Fund. There is no paper, large or small—expensive or cheap—that can do what the Herald can for the strengthening of this Synod of the Interior. It is still our profound conviction that this Church paper is one of the most important enterprise—if not the most important—that can come up for your consideration. We trust that you will treat it accordingly.

Respectfully,

H. S. GEKELER.

This Report was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The following communication, together with a copy of the first number of the Reformed Church Tidings was received and referred to the same Committee:

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Sunday School Work, it gives us pleasure to report that in accordance with the order of the General Synod, the several Boards named have issued October 1st, the first number of the new Missionary Periodical, to be known as the "Reformed Church Tidings."

This paper will aim according to the resolution of General Synod, to promote the several interests committed to the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Sunday School Work,

and the development of aggressive activities along all lines of Church Work. The first number is herewith submitted for your consideration.

As an indication of the need and of the favor and appreciation with which this paper will be received, it is pleasant to report that some 4,000 cash subscriptions have been received in advance of its publication, and every mail brings in the names of additional subscribers.

We believe the publication of this Periodical at the low price of ten cents per copy per year in clubs, combined with its features of departments and illustrations, will mark a new era in the Missionary activities of the Church.

For it makes possible the dissemination of Missionary intelligence and information to every family in the Reformed Church. This will surely be the case, if our Pastors and Consistories will everywhere heartily co-operate.

To this end we respectfully request your Reverend body to call attention to this important matter in such a way as your wisdom may suggest.

Let the "Reformed Church Tidings," by the united action of our several Church Judicatories and their chosen representatives be the medium by which an avenue will be opened between the Missionary Boards and General Church Work agencies, and every family in every congregation throughout the Church.

RUFUS W. MILLER, Chairman,
C. S. GERHARD, Secretary,
S. N. CALLENDER, D. D.,
T. J. BARKLEY, D. D.,
J. L. LEMBERGER,
F. G. HOBSON.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee presents the following facts worthy of note at this time:

The subject matter referred to the Committee for consideration consists of a copy of the new publication entitled "Reformed Church Tidings," together with a communication from the Joint Publishing Committee of the Board of Home Missions relating to this new periodical.

There was also referred to us, the annual report of the editor-in-chief of the Reformed Church Herald.

These documents have been carefully considered by your Committee, noting the merits and demerits as to each of these.

Your Committee regards the appearance of the "Reformed Church Tidings" as most timely as to the promotion of the several interests committed to the watchful care of the several Missionary and Sunday School Boards of the Reformed Church.

The copy of the Tidings placed into our hands is commendable in every way. The contents cover a wide field of subjects of special interest to the Church, giving evidence of the ability of those who have this important interest so well in hand.

The terms of subscription are such as to make it possible to place a copy into each English speaking family in the Church. This done, and the new era now so auspiciously begun will broaden into the effulgent day of successful Missionary activity and Christian Work by our beloved Zion.

The only demerits we care to note is the quality of paper used in this first issue, hence we would urge the authorities to use a better quality of paper.

The report of the editor-in-chief of the Reformed Church Herald calls to our mind the fact that our own literary child - the Reformed Church Herald - still lives. We are glad to note the fact that the Herald has been a blessing to our people. We further learn that the obligations made by Synod at the last annual meeting have not been fulfilled. The editor-in-chief informs us that the time has come when Pastoral duties forbid his further service as editor-in-chief of the Herald. The report also informs us that the present printer will publish the Herald and mail the same for \$6.00 per issue. The income from advertisements will about cover the cost of paper and mailing. There

also remains a deficiency of \$107.00. In view of all these things, we offer the following for adoption:

1. RESOLVED, That this Synod hails with joy the advent of the Reformed Church Tidings.

2. Resolved, That Synod requests the Pastors and Consistories within the bounds of this Synod to put forth immediate efforts to secure the largest possible circulation of the Reformed Church Tidings in their charges.

3. Resolved, That we find in the Reformed Church Herald an efficient agent in the development of our Church interests within the territory of Synod.

4. Resolved, That the publication of the Herald be continued in the same form as now issued.

5. Resolved, That Pastors, consistories and Missionary Societies of this Synod be and are hereby requested to secure subscriptions for the Herald, if possible introducing it into every family in our Congregations.

6. Resolved, That the editor be elected for one year at this meeting of Synod.

7. Resolved, That if receipts from subscriptions do not amount to \$325.00, ~~the~~ Synod will guarantee such sum as will be required to meet the deficiency.

8. Resolved, That we appreciate the arduous labors and sacrifices of Editor Gekeler in giving us as good and readable a paper as the Herald has proven itself to be.

9. Resolved, That this Synod pay Editor Gekeler the sum of \$100.00 deficiency incurred in the publishing of the Herald.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. STAUFFER,

J. M. KENDIG.

This Report was considered by items, all of which were adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole.

The editor-in-chief was then elected which resulted in the choice of Rev. D. H. Fouse.

All Pastors were earnestly requested to send in items of news from their various charges during the coming year, hence no associate editors were elected.

ARTICLE XIX.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported a double set of nominees for the several vacancies on the Boards and for Fraternal Delegates. Their report was adopted and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to post the ticket on the bulletin board so that members of Synod can prepare their tickets. The election was held on Saturday forenoon at 11 o'clock, it having been made a special order of the day, Revs. Althouse and Frantz acted as tellers. The following are the Boards as they now stand, the new members elected being indicated by an (*)

BOARDS.

MISSIONS.—Rev. L. J. Mayer*, 5 years; Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., 4 years; Rev. T. F. Stauffer, 3 years; Rev. S. Shaw, 2 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 1 year.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.—Rev. H. C. Blosser*, 5 years; Rev. D. A. Winter, 4 years; Elder J. W. Keefer, 3 years; Rev. S. P. Harrington, 2 years; Rev. J. W. Love, D. D., 1 year.

BOARD OF ORPHANS' HOMES.—Elder August F. Korf*, 5 years; Rev. L. C. Summer, 4 years; Elder J. Henry Brown, 3 years; Rev. J. W. Alspach, 2 years; Rev. J. C. Bolger*, 1 year, for the unexpired time of Rev. F. M. Shultz.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.—Rev. H. S. Gekeler*, 5 years; Rev. D. F. Boomershine, 4 years; Elder J. Sonnedecker, 3 years; Rev. A. Casselman, President, 2 years, Rev. L. P. Krome, Secretary, 1 year.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.—Rev. D. B. Shuey*, President and Treasurer, 5 years; Rev. D. H. Fouse, 4 years; Elder Fred Isely, 3 years; Rev. D. N. Frantz, Secretary, 2 years, Elder J. Henry Brown, 1 year.

TRUSTEES OF WICHITA UNIVERSITY.—Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.*, Elder J. Henry Brown*, Col. T. D. Fouts*, each for 5 years; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Rev. A. Casselman, W. B. Jones, each for 4 years; F. P. Martin, Rev. L. S. Faust, G. P. Neiman, each for 3 years; Rev. Bruce Griffith, D. M. Jones, J. C. Rutan, each for 2 years; W. H. Rauch, Esq., Rev. A. S. Dechant, J. H. C. Brewer, each for 1 year.

DELEGATES TO NORTHWEST SYNOD.—Rev. L. J. Mayer, primarius; Rev. G. P. Hartzell, secundus.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

Report of the Board of Orphans' Homes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The Board held no meeting during the year for want of a quorum, but two members being present at this meeting of Synod.

As members of the Board, we report that we learn from published reports, that the work of our Orphans' Homes during the year has moved along with commendable success. The fact, however, remains, that the demands for funds remain, and the call for them as urgent as ever before, therefore,

Resolved, That Synod commends the Orphan cause to the liberality of Congregations within the bounds of Synod.

T. F. STAUFFER,

J. W. ALSPACH,

This Report was adopted.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Reporters Elected.

On motion the following Reporters were elected to report the proceedings of Synod. Illinois State Register, Rev. E. E. Weaver; Taylorville Daily Breeze, Rev. J. C. Bolger; Reformed Church Messenger, Rev. J. R. Lewis; Christian World, Rev. D. F. Boomershine; Reformed Church Record, Rev. H. C. Blosser; Reformed Church Herald, Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.; Reformed Church Tidings, Rev. D. B. Shuey.

Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:--I herewith transmit to your

Reverend body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States for the year closing September 30, 1896.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Synod as follows:

From Illinois Classis.....	\$ 21 57
From Iowa Classis.....	3 50
Total.....	\$ 25 07

Paid to one Annuitant \$50.00, that is \$24.93 more than received from the different Classes. In view of this we ask for greater liberality in the coming year.

With the prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations, I am

Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, Treasurer.

Mt. Pleasant, Maryland, September 30, 1896.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States through its officers presents for publication in the Minutes of your Reverend body the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing September 30, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

To amount in Treasury as per last report.....	\$ 3 376 63
“ “ from Interest on Investment.....	2,721 08
“ “ “ Matured Loans.....	1,900 00
“ “ “ Collections in the Churches.	1,756 09
“ “ “ Royalty on Church Hymnals.....	990 00
“ “ “ Miscellaneous services.....	396 64
“ “ “ Pittsburg Synod, special.....	325 00
“ “ “ Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	166 42
“ “ “ Bequest of J. B. Fisher, Esq.....	95 00
Total.....	\$11,727 61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Investments.....	\$ 4,600 00
“ “ Annuitants	2,574 58
“ “ Expenses	168 72
Cash in Treasury September 30, 1896.....	4,384 31
Total.....	\$11,727 61
Invested Fund.....	\$35,250 00

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

LIFE MEMBERS.—Revs. H. J. Reutinuk, D. D., L. W. Showers, Wm. Reater, John F. Moyer, John H. Stepler, D. D. O. P. Schillheimer, Geo. B. Russell, D. D., Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., Dennis B. Shuey, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, John T. Balliet, John Wolbach, John Schmaltz, Atvill Conner, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, Wm. C. Sykes, John Dotterer, Calvin E. Bartholomew, Henry K. Binkley, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Christian W. Summey, Chas. R. Ferner, Michael Loucks, D. D., Edward Herbruch, D. D., Joseph Sechler and Wm. H. Groh.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.—Revs. Philip Stenhage, Jacob D. Buhrer and Ludwig W. Zenk.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. DEATRICK, D. D., President, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEYER, Secretary, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, Treasurer, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

These papers were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Shuey and Blosser, and Elder A. F. Korf.

The Committee made the following Report on Friday afternoon and their report was adopted.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We four Special Committee on Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church have carefully examined the communication referred to us. We find by the same that the Society is pushing its good work with commendable energy. They have shown much respect to this Synod in sending us the communication, and more still in electing one of our members, Rev. D. B. Shuey, Vice-President.

Two members of Synod, Revs. Shuey and Sechler, became members the past year, and there are several other memberships in process of formation.

Synod has one Annuitant, Mrs. O. E. Lake, who has been receiving \$50 a year, to whom the Society has shown its good spirit by increasing the annuity to \$75. But we are sorry to say that while the Society sent into the Synod \$50, the Synod sent the Society only \$25.07. This is not as it should be. We must send more than we receive if the Society is to make progress. We believe the cause to be as worthy a one as calls upon the Benevolence of the Church, therefore be it

Resolved: (1) That we most heartily commend the work of the Society, and give it all possible aid.

(2) That the Classes instruct the ministers to present the subject to the people in its proper light, and designate a day when an offering shall be given to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. BLOSSER,

D. B. SHUEY,

A. F. KORF.

The following additional resolution was adopted by the Synod after considerable discussion.

That we overture the Society of Relief to assist needy ministers who are not members, and if its Charter does not at present admit it, that they change their Charter accordingly.

American Bible Society.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the papers under item 8 of the Committee on Overtures made the following report which was adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from the American Bible Society respectfully submit the following report.

Resolved, That the Synod of the Interior recognize with

pleasure the good work of this Society in creating a growing interest in Bible study, and in circulating Bibles at home and in Foreign lands.

Resolved, Further, that this Synod commend the cause of this Society to the prayers and benevolence of our Pastors and Congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KENDIG,
J. R. LEWIS,
A. F. KORE.

American Anti-Saloon League.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the papers under item 9 of the Committee on Overtures made the following report which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred a communication from the American Anti-Saloon League would report as follows:

The papers consist of a copy of the Constitution of this League and a letter requesting us as a Synod to select two delegates (with alternates) to a National Convention of the League to be held in Washington City, December 8-10, 1896.

The purpose of this League is the suppression of saloons and its methods are entirely non-partisan. We would therefore recommend the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the purpose of this League and pledge our co-operation with it.

Resolved, That we send at least one delegate to the convention.

Resolved, That the traffic in intoxicating liquors, as beverages, is the enemy of the Church, the family, the State and the individual, and that we pledge ourselves to support and encourage all legitimate efforts looking toward its complete suppression.

Resolved, That we recommend that our Pastors and people, as far as possible, fall in with the effort of the London Sunday School Union, and International Sunday School Session to

secure the annual observance of the fourth Sunday in November as a day for the generation of total abstinence and prohibition sentiment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN,
H. L. BEAM.

Under the above resolution, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D. was on motion, instructed to attend said convention, if he can do so without expense to this Synod.

A Gavel Presented to Synod.

On Friday morning Rev. A. S. Dechant, (who preached for six months during last spring at the Harbaugh Church,) made a neat little speech in presenting a gavel to the Synod for the use of the President. This gavel was made of wood taken out of the stump of the tree of which the now Sainted Dr. Henry Harbaugh spoke in his poem in Pennsylvania German entitled "Das alt Schulhaus an der Krick." On motion Synod extended its thanks to Rev. Dechant in its appreciation of this gift to the Synod

Report of Stated Clerk of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

DEAR BRETHREN:—According to instructions of Synod, 1500 copies of the minutes of the last meeting were printed and distributed. The following is the account:

DR.

Due me from last report.....	\$	25
C. E. Shadinger, 1500 copies at \$1.00 per page.....		80 00
Express and postage on Minutes.....		23 49
Postage to send blanks.....		1 10
Express on Minutes of General Synod ...		1 65
Postage " " " " " "		1 42

Total..... \$107 91

CR.

D. H. Fouse, Treasurer of Synod.....	\$ 80 00
For Advertisements.....	20 00
Balance due me.....	6 91
Total.....	\$ 107 91

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,

Stated Clerk of Synod.

This report was adopted and the Treasurer was directed to pay the balance due the Stated Clerk.

Overture From Illinois Classis.

To the Reverend Synod of the Interior:

The Illinois Classis, during the adjourned session of Friday morning, October 23, 1896, at Edinburg, Illinois, took the following action:

WHEREAS, Ernest E. Weaver has been received by the Illinois Classis as a Licentiate; and

WHEREAS, He has been commissioned by the Board of Missions to the Anna Charge, and desires to be ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry; and

WHEREAS, The Classis finds all documents relating to this case in order; and

WHEREAS, The Synod of the Interior is now in session in this church; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Classis do hereby overture the Synod to make provision for the Ordination of Brother Weaver to the Ministry, during this meeting of Synod.

Very Respectfully,

HENRY L. BEAM,

Stated Clerk Illinois Classis.

This was item 16 of the Committee on Overtures. The item was adopted. The officers of Synod were appointed to attend

to the ordination which is to take place immediately after the Sermon on Saturday afternoon.

At the appointed time the five officers of Synod took part in the services in solemnly ordaining the candidate, Ernest E. Weaver, according to the prescribed form. The officers afterward reported through the Stated Clerk to the Synod of the duty performed, whereupon the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to communicate this fact to the Classis of Illinois.

Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting.

Invitations were extended to the Synod for place of meeting by the Reformed Congregation at Wilton Junction and Columbus Junction, both in Iowa. The roll was called and Columbus Junction was chosen as the place and Wednesday, October 20, A. D., 1897, at 7:30 P. M. as the time and Synod is to meet in General Convention.

On motion Synod instructed the Stated Clerk to have 2000 copies of the Minutes printed and distribute the same. This distribution is to include one copy to each Pastor in the English Synods.

The Stated Clerk was also requested to publish the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society with the Minutes of Synod.

Resolution on Quorum With Overture.

WHEREAS, It is difficult to secure a quorum of Synod for want of attendance on the part of Elders from the various Classis, therefore

Resolved, That the attention of Classes is hereby called to the matter and that Classes are requested to urge the Elders to attend Synod, and if necessary, make such arrangement that at least one Elder from each Classis will be present at Synod.

Resolved, That Synod hereby overtures the General Synod

to ratify all acts and proceedings of this meeting of Synod, in as much as Synod had no Constitutional quorum, Elders from one Classis only having been present.

These resolutions were adopted.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved, That we heredy tender our heart felt thanks to the members of the Reformed Church of Edinburg, Illinois, and other citizens of the town, for the generous entertainment, warm hospitality and courteous treatment received at their hands during the sessions of this Synod and for the furnishing of the Reformed Church Colors.

Resolved, That this resolution be read by the Pastor loci from his pulpit, and that it be published in the city papers.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion \$6.00 were voted to the Edinburg Reformed Congregation for expenses incurred incident to the holding of Synod in their Church.

The Annual Banquet of the Western Alumni Association of Reformed Institutions was held on Friday evening in the Opera House at Edinburg, after the Woman's Missionary meeting in the Church. Forty five members and their friends sat down to the table. Hearty responses were made to the various toasts, and all pronounced this Second Annual Banquet a success. [Stated Clerk.]

ARTICLE XXII.

ADJOURNMENT OF SYNOD.

The business sessions of Synod closed on Monday afternoon

at 3:00 o'clock. The roll was called and the following were absent without excuse:

ILLINOIS CLASSIS:—Revs. R. F. Oplinger, John Kercher and the Elders from Altamont and Shelby.

IOWA CLASSIS:—Revs. Geo. Rettig, L. C. Summer, D. M. Jones, R. R. Lackey and Elders T. I. Furst, Daniel Shultz, T. J. Klotz, John Uhler and the Elders from Liscomb, Boulder, Brandon, Amber and Leighton.

KANSAS CLASSIS:—Revs. S. Thomas, D. G. Greenwald, J. G. Martin, E. C. Osthoff and the Elders from Schoenfelt, St. Joseph, New Basel and Abilene.

WICHITA CLASSIS:—Revs. L. S. Faust, G. F. Mathes, Elders F. W. Bushong, John Royer and Arthur Neiman.

LINCOLN CLASSIS:—Rev. E. Erb and the Elders from Imogene and Zion.

The Minutes were read and adopted. On motion the Synod then adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church, Columbus Junction, Iowa, in General Convention, on Wednesday evening, October 20, A. D. 1897.

Synod closed in the regular form, by engaging in the use of the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology. The President then pronounced the Benediction and declared Synod adjourned.

S. A. ALT, President.

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

D. B. SHUEY, Stated Clerk.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE --

Woman's Synodical Missionary Society.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society held its Eighth Annual Meeting at the home of Mrs. Scheib, Edinburg, Illinois, October 23, 1896. Neither president nor secretary were in attendance, and Mrs. D. F. Boomershine was appointed president and Mrs. D. H. Fouse secretary pro tem.

The following delegates were enrolled.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.— Mrs. R. A. Stair, Mrs. D. N. Frantz, Miss Laura Scheib and Miss Jessie Alspach.

IOWA CLASSIS.— Mrs. D. F. Boomershine, Mrs. D. H. Fouse.

LINCOLN CLASSIS.— Mrs. T. F. Stauffer.

ADVISORY DELEGATE.— Mrs. Geiger.

Very encouraging reports were read from Illinois, Iowa and Lincoln Classical Societies as well as from the local Societies of Forreston, Illinois, Moquoketa, Iowa, Emporia, Kansas and Lincoln, Nebraska.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
Oct 24	On hand from last year	\$ 18 33	Oct 27	Traveling exp'se of Secy.	\$ 4 30
25	Collection at Synod	11 50	"	" " Pres	3 50
	Lincoln, Neb.	5 50		Postage and Exchange	50
	Kansas City, Mo.	15 00	Nov 9	Home Missions	25 40
26	Zwingli, Iowa	5 00		Foreign	13 00
27	Dakota, Ill.	5 00	Dec 31	Home	12 50
	Brandon, Iowa	3 00	Jan 11	Foreign	21 50
	Coneville, "	1 00	Oct 1	"	50 00
Nov 6	Iowa Classis	6 68		Home	123 87
8	Liscomb, Iowa	7 00		In bank at Lisbon, Iowa	31 32
Dec 23	Lincoln, Neb.	5 00			
	Lisbon, Iowa	7 73	Total		\$ 319 49
Jan 11	Astoria, Ill.	5 00			
15	Illinois Classis	12 73			
Feb 18	"	12 62			
28	Lincoln Classis	10 00			

Apl 6	Illinois Classis.....	6 03
20	" ".....	10 06
	Zwingli, Iowa.....	15 00
May 18	Illinois Classis.....	17 89
July 13	" ".....	35 76
Aug 22	Sioux City, Iowa.....	2 85
	Mrs Guthrie.....	5 00
Sep 3	Lincoln Classis.....	14 00
	Illinois Classis.....	9 70
26	Lincoln ".....	12 24
30	Wichita ".....	13 10
Oct 7	Illinois ".....	11 87
11	" ".....	7 35
12	Iowa ".....	25 00
19	Hiawatha, Kas.....	2 55
Total.....		\$ 319 49

The Treasurer's report was received and adopted.

The Society donated \$5.00 to the Mission Band Helper and \$5.00 toward liquidating the indebtedness of the Woman's Journal.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior, fully indorse the Woman's Journal and the Mission Band Helper, and recommend them as indispensable to the women and children of the Reformed Church, and furthermore desire very much that the Pastors of the different charges push the matter of circulation to the utmost.

Resolved, That we welcome the Reformed Church Tidings, and consider it necessary to the Missionary cause.

Resolved, That the local Societies give a free-will offering to the Home and Foreign Mission Fund, and in their generous hearts remember the Building Fund.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to Mrs. Scheib for the use of her parlor.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

PRESIDENT,	Mrs. D. F. Boomershine.
VICE-PRESIDENT,	Mrs. R. A. Stair.
SECRETARY,	Mrs. D. H. Fouse.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,	Mrs. D. N. Frantz.
TREASURER,	Mrs. D. S. Fouse.
EDITRESS,	Mrs. T. F. Stauffer.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of Edinburg for their kindness and hospitality during the meeting of Synod.

MRS. D. F. BOOMERSHINE, President.

MRS. D. H. FOUSE, Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING. FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23, 1896.

Hymn.

Invocation.....Rev. D. S. Fouse D. D

Hymn.

President's Annual Report.

Hymn.

Paper—The Chinese Picture.....Mrs. D. F. Boomershine

Solo.....Miss Inez Kauerauf

Paper—Specialization.....Mrs. T. F. Stauffer

Hymn.

Paper—Do we Need Missions in America?.....Miss Carrie Rigg

Remarks by Members of Synod

Recitation—Missionary Pennies.....Miss Julia Rigg

Offering, Amount—\$8.23.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.				CHARGES.				P. O. ADDRESSES.									
No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Additions.	Losses.				Sunday School Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	
					Confirmed.	Certificates.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Trans. d.	Deaths.	1	2	3	4			5	6
ILLINOIS CLASSIS.																	
Shiloh	1	55	30	1	3	36	21	3	1	1	1	20	20	Lena, Ill.			
Joseph Seehier,														Taylorville, Ill.			
R. F. Oplinger,														Apple Creek, Ohio			
Joshua Wolfach,														Forreston, Ill.			
Henry Bair,																	
John Kercher,																	
Dan T. N. Frantz,	65	49	10	6	10	9	91	1	3	2	23	110	45	39 Stonington, Ill.			
Joel W. Alsbach,	76	33	1	2	6	1	72	1	8	3	19	128	30	30 Altamont, Ill.			
Joel W. Alsbach, sup.	1	81	45	3	8	23	8	76	10	1	14	100	25	30 Altamont, Ill.			
Anna,	2	66	52	4			56			2	12	49	25				
H. L. Beam,														Dakota, Ill.			
Geo. P. Hartzell,	68	58	2	2	2	1	63		3	4	19	91	30	39 Summit, Ill.			
John M. Kendrick,	1	28	5	2	1	2	23		4	1	14	150	15	15 Chicago, Ill.			
S. P. Harrington,	4	59	33	2	3	52	1	2	4	49	116		36	26 Dakota, Ill.			
Charles F. Althouse,	2	104	31	7	5	16	101	1	3	1	27	127	50	50 Edinburg, Ill.			
Lucian J. Mayer,	2	131	76	7	1	1	123	3	2	1	23	110	50	42 Forreston, Ill.			
Henry C. Blosser,	4	112	57	8	10	24	9	107	2	5	4	135	30	37 Orangeville, Ill.			
Chas. V. Molnar,														Chicago, Ill.			
Ministers, 15,	23	875	169	46	77	53	800	11	36	21	23	230	1191	\$1220 84	\$5215 19	340	328
Total,																	

*Died July 16, 1896.

IOWA CLASSIS.

F. C. Bauman.....	1	46	10	9	4	46	12	2	1	13	50	*	70 00	* 320 00	10	36	Zwingli, Iowa.			
Spring Valley.....	1	51	10	1	3	31	3	1	1	12	45	..	16 00	27 00	10	6				
S. Ream.....	1	51	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lone Tree.....	1	71	10	4	2	58	3	5	2	12	84	..	39 00	245 00	15	19	Lone Tree, Iowa.			
R. R. Lackey.....	2	104	8	4	4	60	4	26	2	29	181	..	49 00	500 00	25	31	Leighton, Iowa.			
Wilton.....	1	47	16	1	1	40	1	1	1	11	60	..	50 00	421 00	20	15	Wilton Junction, Io.			
S. Shaw.....	1	71	22	1	2	63	2	6	1	7	12	..	63 00	774 00	25	22	Tipton, Iowa.			
Trinity.....	1	52	9	1	3	43	3	2	2	15	92	..	65 00	613 00	10	20	Columbus Jun., Io.			
D. H. Fouse.....	1	60	50	9	2	62	1	1	1	12	60	..	81 00	421 00	15	25	Lisbon, Iowa.			
St. Paul.....	1	82	15	1	3	70	1	2	3	10	92	2	138 00	726 00	20	35	Lisbon, Iowa.			
Grace.....	1	50	1	1	13	45	2	1	1	12	60	..	20 00	149 00	10	10	Lisbon, Iowa.			
St. John.....	1	50	1	1	13	45	2	1	1	12	60	..	20 00	149 00	10	10	Lisbon, Iowa.			
Boulder.....	3	81	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Christ.....	1	22	5	2	2	18	1	1	1	13	45	..	34 00	125 00	12	12	Maquoketa, Iowa.			
Union.....	1	20	20	3	8	1	22	2	1	12	60	..	45 00	310 00	15	12	Maquoketa, Iowa.			
Maquoketa.....	1	15	7	2	5	14	1	1	1	11	40	..	2 00	65 00	13	9				
Grace.....	1	13	1	1	8	24	1	1	1	10	404	..	32 00	296 00	20	16	Liscomb, Iowa.			
St. Paul.....	1	22	9	1	1	12	1	1	1	8	86	..	19 00	143 00	4	8	Anamosa, Iowa.			
Geo. Rettig.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Anamosa, Iowa.
D. S. Fouse, D. D.,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lisbon, Iowa.
D. M. Jones.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Canaan Four Corners, N. Y.
D. B. Anderson.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wilton, Iowa.
Ministers, 13.	20	865	254	35	38	49	25	618	32	50	11	16	187	1104	2	* 736 00	* \$5236 00	224	288	

KANSAS CLASSIS.

E. C. Osthoff.....	1	105	150	28	1	20	7	105	..	2	3	1	16	120	*	20 00	* 167 00	46	3	New Basil, Kas.
S. Thomas.....	1	36	32	3	3	7	..	28	..	1	1	1	2	18	..	5 00	38 00	5	5	Bunker Hill, Kas.
F. H. Fisher.....	1	51	30	2	3	4	6	56	2	1	1	1	16	75	1	44 00	321 00	20	24	Hawatha, Kas.
A. A. Caselman.....	1	151	15	5	9	11	22	105	1	2	1	1	15	135	1	110 00	920 00	50	30	Fairview, Kas.
Holton.....	1	16	11	3	..	1	3	14	..	3	1	1	8	25	..	10 00	65 00	5	5	Holton, Kas.
Circleville.....	1	23	15	1	1	1	2	18	1	1	1	1	14	60	..	13 00	115 00	1	5	Holton, Kas.
Abilene.....	1	94	29	1	1	1	7	77	2	7	1	1	21	106	1	137 00	721 00	35	40	Abilene, Kas.
J. C. Bolger.....	1	36	16	1	1	1	2	32	1	18	1	1	10	40	..	25 00	69 00	25	15	Abilene, Kas.
J. W. Love, D. D.	1	61	17	10	2	4	5	55	1	2	2	1	9	117	..	88 00	460 00	25	32	Kansas City, Mo.
H. S. Gokeler.....	1	69	13	4	3	6	6	65	1	1	1	1	15	112	1	72 00	662 00	25	50	St. Joseph, Mo.
H. Tesnow.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Denver, Col.	
H. Shunket.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Holton, Kas.	
D. J. Greenwald.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Kansas City, Kas.	
J. G. Martin.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	St. Joseph, Mo.	
Ministers, 12.	10	652	358	61	19	67	51	555	8	44	9	10	156	808	1	* 531 00	* \$3841 00	230	242	
Total.....	10	652	358	61	19	67	51	555	8	44	9	10	156	808	1	* 531 00	* \$3841 00	230	242	

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.

CHARGES.

P. O. ADDRESS.

WICHITA CLASSIS.

I. B. Smiley	1	21	25	4	3	16	1	1	7	24	100 00	34 47	105 00	10	5	Emporia, Kas.	
I. B. Smiley, supply	1	50	25	1	2	4	5	36	4	1	10	51	60 00	262 00	10	16	Iola, Kas.
L. S. Faust	1	30	13	1	2	4	4	24	1	1	9	35	40 00	50 00	10	4	Tola, Kas.
Allen Center	1	101	45	9	12	6	87	3	8	1	12	140	1	35	30	40	Wichita, Kas.
Bruce Griffith	1	101	45	9	12	6	87	3	8	1	12	140	1	35	30	40	Wichita, Kas.
G. F. Mathes	1	40	10	2	2	2	2	25	18	1	8	34	40 00	100 00	25	20	Lyons, Kas.
Vacant	1	8	16	3	7	7	7	6	5	1	10	40	4 65	9 25	15	5	Otis, Kas.
Vacant	1	20	30	1	1	5	1	4	4	1	10	40	4 85	9 25	15	5	Ransom, Kas.
James R. Lewis	1	55	27	1	1	5	1	49	4	1	9	76	68 42	632 04	25	28	Cheney, Kas.
Chas. D. Shaffer	1	41	17	1	2	2	2	38	2	10	1	10	27 00	210 00	25	10	Whitewater, Kas.
Ministers, 6.	9	365	208	13	14	23	19	208	9	50	3	75	491 74	1878 64	170	138	

LINCOLN CLASSIS.

Thomas F. Stauter	1	50	35	3	1	2	2	54	2	1	1	9	60	25	64 00	200 00	25	35	Lincoln, Neb.
Joseph F. Butler	1	54	34	5	1	1	1	40	10	1	1	7	35	25	10 00	400 00	25	5	Imogene, Iowa.
David A. Winter	1	19	17	2	1	4	1	12	1	1	1	12	60	10	40 00	85 00	10	6	Sioux City, Iowa.
Joshua Wolbach	1	40	25	2	4	4	5	27	1	1	1	11	54	15	34 49	57 50	15	15	Berwick, Kas.
Edmund Erb	1	68	45	4	5	5	2	40	1	1	1	11	65	20	42 00	2422 00	20	15	Lincoln, Neb.
Without charge																			
Ministers, 5.	5	240	515	16	5	15	11	173	11	3	5	53	274	95	\$ 190 49	\$3164 50	95	76	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1896.

CLASSES.

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	Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Infants.		Adults.		Confirmed.		Certificate.		Communi- cated.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Deaths.		Sunday School.		Officers and Teachers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Beneficial Purposes.		(Congregational Purposes.		Minutes Wanted.		Church Papers Taken.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1896.

SYNODS.

Eastern	12	282	521	91475	51965	5237	578	4885	2380	73434	1219	1706	2576	606	8409	71878	112	81340 00	2380996 00	
Ohio	6	127	233	22100	6256	718	669	1267	1110	18987	520	709	372	212	3127	22354	23	18216 00	127093 00	
Northwest	10	151	255	21258	11197	1809	27	1004	771	15079	189	4	557	383	187	12219	38	11083 00	87014 00	
Pittsburg	5	76	137	16865	3741	1919	162	925	530	11130	350	461	239	120	1317	10530	16	21681 00	80414 00	
Potomac	9	169	307	39633	20187	1847	312	1715	920	30489	686	2	502	807	294	2824	62	32595 99	150194 49	
German of the East	5	59	58	11820	10655	2042	14	728	894	11891	123	8	505	421	56	1070	10684	11	7891 00	106420 00
Central	4	84	111	19541	16611	1123	53	830	477	11173	214	14	463	384	102	1564	12218	28	15190 00	83558 00
Interior	5	50	67	2998	1445	171	104	227	162	244	60	191	50	62	671	3827	7	3173 07	19335 63	
Total	56	1001	1665	229500	129697	13976	1949	11281	7239	180617	2361	28	5184	5092	1639	20989	14464	296	19426 06	1056495 12

NOTE. The Stated Clerks of the several District Synods, in order respectively arranged, are as follows: 1. Rev. J. F. Stein, Reading; Pa. 2. Rev. Geo. W. Heimig, Oshaugburg, Ohio. 3. Rev. J. J. Jaunett, Shohoygan, Wis. 4. Rev. J. H. Mickle, Johnston, Pa. 5. Rev. W. M. Deatrice, D. D. Merersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. E. Dahman, 71 Locust St., Buffalo, N. Y. 7. Rev. J. Bachman, D. D. 609 Freeman Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. 8. Rev. D. B. Shney, Emporia, Kansas.

Annual Meetings of District Synods in the year 1897: Eastern, Milton, Pa., October 26, 1897; Ohio, Canton, Ohio, October 6, 1897; Northwest, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, first Wednesday in October, 1897; Pittsburg-Atkinsburg, Pa., October 6, 1897; Potomac-Hagerstown, Md., October 12, 1897; German of the East, Buffalo, N. Y., August 26, 1897; Central, New Philadelphia, Ohio, September 22, 1897; Interior, Columbus Junction, Iowa, October 20, 1897.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLES.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	MEMBERSHIP.			CHURCH.			EDUCATIONAL.					CONTRIBUTIONS.					
		No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is School held all the year?	Average Attendance.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Full membership of scholars in church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	Number of scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the School?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per month. (Not Lesson papers.)	No. of books in Library.	Is the school graded into more than two departments.	To S. S. Work, Gen'l Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To support of the School.	To other benevolent objects.
ILLINOIS CLASSIS.																		
Ahamont	First Reformed	13	103	116	Yes	66	3	4	6	Yes	90	100	No	\$ 3 00	\$ 00	\$ 38	\$ 00	
Anna	St. Paul's	6	25	31	No	15	14	4	20	Yes	15	No	No	6 00	00	20	00	
Astoria	St. John's (Union)	6	15	21	No	12	15	1	15	No	60	No	No	4 00	00	15	00	
Dakota	St. Peter's	12	64	76	Yes	38	32	10	1	Yes	48	No	No	3 00	7 00	15	00	
Edinburg	Astoria	7	27	34	Yes	12	10	6	6	Yes	105	Yes	Yes	3 00	31 00	11	00	
Forreston	Dakota (Union)	19	74	93	Yes	51	40	20	20	No	20	No	No	00	00	18	00	
Grace Reformed	Walnut Grove	12	33	45	Yes	20	12	10	5	Yes	20	No	No	00	00	6	00	
Grace Reformed	Rock Grove (Union)	8	30	38	Yes	18	15	10	10	No	20	No	No	00	00	15	00	
Grace Reformed	Silver Spring	10	46	56	Yes	31	36	12	3	No	35	No	No	1 00	3 00	11	00	
Edinburg	Buckhart	13	62	75	Yes	35	51	13	4	No	100	No	No	1 00	00	29	00	
Edinburg	Edinburg	13	65	78	Yes	41	26	3	5	Yes	25	No	No	1 00	1 00	51	00	
Forreston	Zion S.	11	40	51	Yes	38	24	32	3	Yes	30	No	No	1 00	31 00	27	00	
Grace Reformed	West Grove	16	150	166	Yes	45	5	4	4	Yes	100	No	No	2 00	6 00	46	00	
Grace Reformed	Grace Reformed	13	53	66	Yes	46	28	10	1	No	70	No	No	00	3 00	30	00	
Mt. Zion	Mt. Zion	10	47	57	Yes	39	30	22	9	No	60	No	No	00	3 00	28	00	
Orangeville	Stonington	33	292	335	Yes	132	15	6	11	No	00	No	No	2 00	1 00	65	00	
Orangeville	Cedarville (Union)	13	40	53	Yes	30	15	4	12	No	00	No	No	00	00	10	00	
Orangeville	Bellevue	21	130	151	Yes	80	75	30	60	No	100	200	Yes	00	5 00	60	00	
Shiloh	Amity	12	50	62	Yes	35	30	15	20	Yes	40	No	No	2 00	00	24	00	
Shelby	Salom	12	85	97	Yes	46	85	35	52	No	25	150	No	3 00	00	19	00	
Shelby	Shiloh	14	100	114	Yes	56	50	30	16	No	25	1013	180	34 00	109 00	540 00	9 00	

IOWA CLASSIS.

Harmony	13	50	63	Yes	40	20	45	Yes	50	No	\$300	\$	16 00	\$	1 00
Lone Tree	12	84	96	Yes	43	21	10	No	30	No	290		23 00		
Lone Tree	12	45	57	Yes	35	16	37	1	40	75	No	250	17 23		75
Wilton	11	51	62	Yes	30	45	37	1	44	75	No	283	15 29		
Tipton	7	42	49	Yes	21	6	12	2	50	218	No	4	3 00	15 00	
Columbus Junction	12	60	70	Yes	53	25	15	4	70	No	6	7 00	50 00		16 00
Lisbon	15	92	104	Yes	44	25	15	4	70	No	6	7 00	5 00		16 00
Leighton	12	60	72	Yes	65	10	25	No	100	No	534	42 00	30 00		40 00
Maquoketa	16	87	107	Yes	60	45	7	No	125	No		25 00	12 00		
Maquoketa	11	40	72	Yes	50	20	1	No	200	131	No	2	7 00	28 96	2 50
Christ	13	43	53	Yes	27	16	5	No	100	No	1	6 00	10 75		
Grace	11	104	115	Yes	72	10	15	2	100	69	No	2	6 00	7 00	
St. Paul	8	46	54	Yes	22	13	18	No	200	100	No			54 00	1 75
Six Mile	9	55	64	Yes	55	10	12	No	75	No				64 00	
Total	180	945	1103		640	323	46	34	406	500	4587	103 00	363 22		81 00

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Shoenfeld	2	18	20	No	14	9	...	Yes	No	No					
New Basel	16	120	136	No	80	40	...	No	75	No					
Hawatha	16	75	91	Yes	50	30	...	Yes	20	50	No				
Fairview	15	135	150	Yes	120	...	...	Yes	35	...	4 00	1 00	49 00		9 00
Holtton	8	25	37	Yes	22	10	15	No	26	No	5 00	1 00	38 00		2 00
Circleville	11	60	74	Yes	52	20	53	Yes	36	No		1 00	18 00		
Abilene	21	87	108	Yes	75	25	...	Yes	35	50	No	2 00	62 00		6 00
Enterprise	9	40	49	Yes	32	4	...	No	15	43	Yes	1 00	8 00		
Kansas City	9	117	126	Yes	68	20	...	Yes	100	No	4 00	15 00	40 00		1 00
St. Joseph	15	112	127	Yes	75	30	...	Yes	250	No	6 00	33 00	90 00		
Total	125	789	914		588	118	50	41	516	143	18 00	55 00	323 00		24 00

WICHITA CLASSIS.

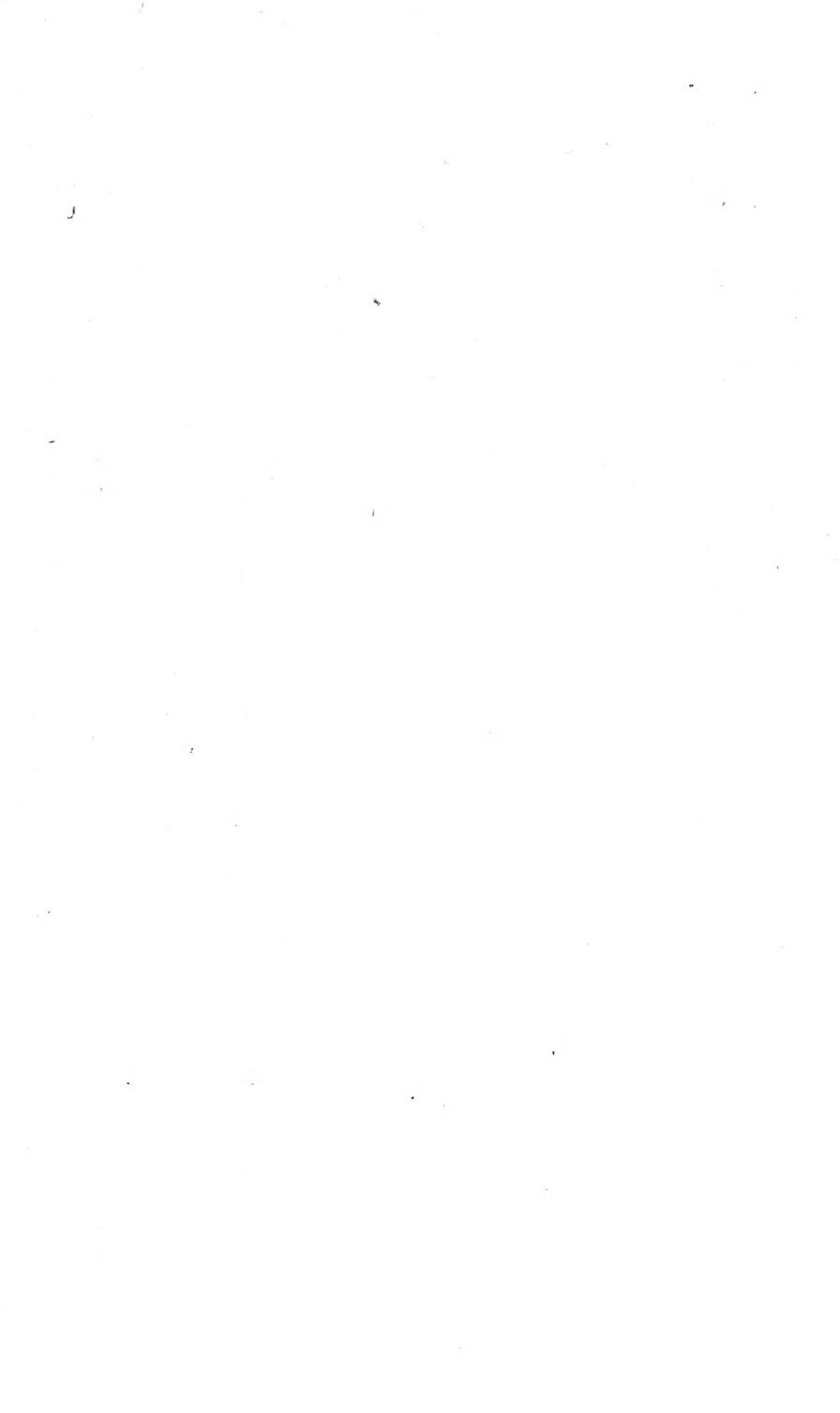
Cheney	9	76	85	Yes	56	24	61	No	200	89	No				
Trinity	7	51	58	Yes	28	...	...	Yes	80	75	No	2 50	2 50	36 00	
Iola	7	15	42	Yes	35	30	...	No	80	...	1 00	1 50	15 45		1 00
Allen Center	12	140	152	Yes	72	35	10	Yes	140	No	2 00	5 00	9 00		1 50
Wichita	7	24	31	Yes	23	8	16	Yes	100	200	No			96 00	21 00
Emporia	8	31	42	Yes	30	25	...	Yes	80	No					
Lyons	9	75	84	Yes	50	25	12	No	84	No	2 25		10 00		
Whitewater	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No	...	...			40 00		
Total	59	435	394		284	127	216	33	764	364	7 75	16 00	206 45		23 50

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLES.

NAME OF CHARGE. NAME OF SCHOOL.	MEMBERSHIP.				CHURCH.				EDUCATIONAL.				CONTRIBUTIONS.					
	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is School held all the year?	Average Attendance.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Total number of Scholars in full membership of the church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	Number of Scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the School?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per month (Not Lesson papers.)	No. of books in Library.	Is the school graded into more than two departments.	To S. S. Work, Gen'l Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To support of the School.	To other benevolent objects.
LINCOLN CLASSES.																		
Lincoln	9	60	69	Yes	36	..	16	18	..	Yes	Yes	50	75	No	2 00	..	25 00	3 00
St. Paul Reformed	7	35	42	Yes	21	..	5	22	..	No	Yes	25	..	No	1 00	..	11 00	1 00
Friendship Reformed	10	50	60	Yes	25	..	18	35	..	No	Yes	..	..	Yes	2 00	..	10 00	..
Grace Reformed	12	60	72	Yes	35	..	3	36	..	No	Yes	65	100	Yes	..	..	10 00	..
Reformed S. S.	10	65	75	Yes	40	..	50	..	..	Yes	Yes	60	60	No	..	6 00	33 00	..
Total	48	250	298	..	157	..	77	119	5	..	..	200	175	..	5 00	6 00	89 00	4 00
STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.																		
CLASSES.																		
Illinois	292	1545	1837	..	936	311	469	413	72	..	..	1013	480	..	\$34 00	\$ 109 00	\$ 570 00	\$ 9 00
Iowa	189	1013	1197	..	712	..	370	270	22	..	..	1457	618	..	38 00	97 00	408 00	152 00
Lincoln	48	250	298	..	157	..	72	119	5	200	175	..	5 00	6 00	89 00	4 00
Total	529	2809	3332	..	1805	311	911	802	99	2670	1263	..	97 00	212 00	1067 00	165 00

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